

**Individual Narrative of Frances⁸ "Fanny" Bell [422]
Daughter of Martha⁷ Leverich [209] and (?William?) Bell
Wife of Calvin T. Dorwin**

Frances "Fanny" Bell was born on 19 March 1804 at Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York.¹ The birth date was calculated based upon Fanny's age (68 years, 4 months, 9 days) at the time of her death (28 July 1872).

Martha Leverich (mother of Fanny Bell) married for the first time (?William?) Bell circa 1799 at Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York. The 1800 U.S. Census lists only one male "Bell" in Westchester Co, New York, i.e. "William" Bell in the township of Cortlandt. The census tallies for William include one free white female age 16 to 25 (i.e. 1775 to 1784) which is consistent with the estimated birth year for Martha of 1777. William Bell is recorded immediately adjacent to George Wood, known as a friend of Martha Leverich's father Benjamin Leverich. The marriage record in 1823 for Calvin T. Dorwin names his wife as Fanny Bell. Fanny had a daughter Martha Dorwin who married Samuel Kunkle. Martha Dorwin Kunkle's death certificate identifies her mother as Fanny Bell.^{2,3,4}

Circa 1808, Martha Leverich Bell's father Benjamin Leverich, all of his children except one and their families left New York, moved westward, and settled in the future Guernsey County, Ohio.⁵

Fanny Bell married Calvin T. Dorwin on 27 March 1823 at Guernsey County, Ohio.⁶ Calvin T. Dorwin was born 28 August 1795 in Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Calvin was the son of Russell Dorwin and Eurona Rubblee.^{7,8}

Calvin T. Dorwin was recorded in the 1830 U. S. Census of Sandusky, Richland County, Ohio. The census tallies included 1 free white male age under 5 (son William); 1 free white male age 10 to 19 (unknown, perhaps a live-in farm laborer); 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (Calvin T.); 2 free white females under the age of 5 (daughters Margaret and Elizabeth); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Martha Maria); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (Phebe, actually age 7); 1 free white female age 20-29 (Fanny).⁹

On 5 June 1837 Calvin Tryon Dorwin of Richland County, Ohio purchased 80 Acres of land in Noble County, Indiana from the Fort Wayne, Indiana U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 2ndPM, Township 35N, Range 11E, Section 19.¹⁰

On 11 August 1837 Calvin Tryon Dorwin of Richland County, Ohio purchased 160 acres of land in Noble County, Indiana from the Fort Wayne, Indiana U.S. General Land Office. The property description was 2ndPM, Township 35N, Range 10E, Section 22.¹¹

Frances Dorwin, age 46 born in New York, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Root, Adams County, Indiana. Fanny's household included her husband Calvin T. Dorwin, age 56 farmer; and children Margaret, age 22, and Thomas T., age 19.¹²

Fannie Dorwin, age 57 born New York, and her husband C. T. Dorwin, age 63 farmer, were recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Root, Adams County, Indiana. All of their children are then out of the household.¹³

Fannie Dorwin, age 66 born New York, and her husband C. T. Dorwin, age 73, were recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana. All of their children are then out of the household.¹⁴

Frances "Fanny" (Bell) Dorwin died 28 July 1872 in Adams County, Indiana. Fanny was buried at Monmouth Cemetery in Decatur, Adams County, Indiana.¹⁵

Calvin Tryon (not Trenton as noted in findagrave.com) Dorwin died 3 March 1874 in Root, Adams County, Indiana. Calvin was buried at the Monmouth Cemetery in Decatur, Adams County, Indiana.¹⁶

Frances "Fanny" Bell and Calvin Tryon Dorwin had six children, all of whom survived until adulthood.

Martha Maria Dorwin was born 24 July 1824 in Guernsey or Richland County, Ohio. Martha married Samuel Kunkel 9 June 1846 in Adams County, Indiana. Martha died 6 February 1902 in Adams County (possibly Monmouth). Martha was buried at the Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, Adams County, Indiana. Martha was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Adams County.^{17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24}

Elizabeth Dorwin was born 4 October 1825 in Guernsey or Richland County, Ohio. Elizabeth married for the first time William A. Nave 27 June 1846 in Adams County, Indiana. Elizabeth married for a second time John Pomeroy Porter circa 1849 probably in Adams County, Indiana. Elizabeth died 20 September 1883 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. Elizabeth was buried at Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, Adams County, Indiana. Elizabeth was recorded in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 U. S. Census of Adams County, Indiana.^{25,26,27,28,29,30,31}

William Russell Dorwin was born 26 December 1826 in Galion, then Richland County, now Crawford County, Ohio. William married Belinda A. Wise 28 December 1848 in Adams County, Indiana. William died 28 February 1901 in Decatur, Adams County. William was buried at the Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, Adams County. William was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Adams County, Indiana.^{32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41}

Margaret Dorwin was born 1 April 1828 in Guernsey County, Ohio. Margaret married Miles Hosford 21 August 1855 in Adams County, Indiana. Margaret's date and place of death has not been determined. Miles Hosford died 30 March 1867 and was buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Galion, Richland County (now Crawford County), Ohio. Margaret was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Root, Adams County, Indiana. Margaret and Miles are not found in the 1860 U. S. Census, and Margaret is not found in the 1870 U. S. Census. Margaret also is not found in the several on-line death indexes for Indiana.^{42,43,44,45,46}

Thomas Tyron Dorwin was born 5 March 1831 in Galion, then Richland County (now Crawford County), Ohio. Thomas married Samantha N. Porter 22 October 1861 in Adams County, Indiana. Thomas died 1 May 1894 in Decatur, Adams County, Indiana. Thomas was buried at the Decatur Cemetery. Thomas was recorded in the 1850, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Adams County, 1860 Bureau County, Illinois.^{47,48,49,50,51,52,53}

Ph(o)ebe C. Dorwin was born 26 September 1833 in Richland County, Ohio. Phebe married Calvin J. Winch 3 May 1849 in Adams County, Indiana. Phebe died 22 March 1890 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. Phebe was buried at the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Phebe was recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U. S. Census of Adams County, Indiana; 1880 Allen County, Indiana.^{54,55}

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