

**Individual Narrative of Thomas⁸ Dickerson [423]
Son of Martha⁷ Leverich [209] and Frederick Dickerson
Husband of Rachel Gault**

Thomas Dickerson was born 19 January 1811 in Guernsey County, Ohio.¹

Circa 1808, Martha Leverich Bell's (Bell was her first marriage) 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.²

Martha Leverich Bell (mother of Thomas Dickerson) married for the second time Frederick Dickerson 16 February 1809 at Belmont County, Ohio. Belmont County is adjacent to Guernsey County on the east.³

Thomas Dickerson married Rachel E. Gault 11 January 1845 probably in Richland County, Ohio. Rachel was born 8 October 1822 in Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont. Rachel was the daughter of Adam Gault and Ruth Scovil.^{4,5,6,7}

Thomas Dickerson, age 39 farmer, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio. Thomas' household included his wife Rachel E., age 28; and children Fanny, age 4; and Helen, age 1. Also living in the household was Thomas' father Frederick Dickerson, age 69 farmer.⁸

Thomas Dickerson, age 49 farmer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio. Thomas' household included his wife Rachel E., age 37; and children Fanny, age 14; Helen, age 11; William, age 8; and Thomas, age 3. Also living in the household was Thomas' father Frederick Dickerson, age 79.⁹

Thomas Dickerson enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was initially assigned to Company H, 69th Ohio Infantry. Later he was transferred to Company B, 121st Ohio Infantry.¹⁰

Thomas Dickerson, age 50 farmer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio. Thomas' household included his wife Rachel E., age 47; and children Fanny, age 24; Helen, age 21; William B., age 18; and Herbert, age 13.¹¹

Thomas Dickerson died 18 May 1875 in Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio. Thomas was buried at the Mansfield Cemetery in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. The Family Search transcription of Thomas's death record names his father as Frederick Dickerson and his mother as Martha Lewith. "It is possible, even likely, that "Lewith" is a transcription error for "Leverich". The original record was not available for inspection on-line.¹²

Rachel Dickerson, age 67 widow, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Franklin County, Massachusetts. Rachel was living with her daughter Fanny Dickerson Bergen, her husband Joseph Y. Bergen, and their son Thomas D. Bergen, age 3.¹³

Rachel Dickerson, age 77 widow, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Richland County, Ohio. Rachel was living in the household of her son William Dickerson, age 48, and his wife Mary; also included in the household was William's daughters Grace, age 23, and Bessie, age 21.¹⁴

Rachel E. Dickerson died 10 March 1908 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio at the home of her daughter Mrs. Helen Leppo. The funeral was held from the First Congregational Church. Rachel was buried at the Mansfield Cemetery.^{15,16}

Thomas Dickerson and Rachel E. Gault had four children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Fanny Dickerson was born 4 February 1846 in Richland County, Ohio. Fanny married Joseph Y. Bergen 28 June 1876 in Richland County. Fanny died 1 September 1924 in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Fanny was buried at the Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Fanny was recorded in the 1860 and 1870 U. S. Census of Richland County, Ohio; 1880 Franklin County, Massachusetts; 1900, 1910, and 1920 Middlesex County, Massachusetts.^{17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26}

- ii. Helen M. Dickerson was born 4 February 1850 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Helen married Thomas H. Leppo 19 November 1874 in Richland County. Helen died 24 April 1928 in Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois. Helen was buried at the Mansfield Cemetery in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Helen was recorded in the U.S. Census 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 of Richland County, Ohio.^{27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35}
- iii. William B. Dickerson was born 20 January 1852 in Richland County, Ohio. William married Mary Cook 1 January 1873 in Richland County. William died 21 March 1908 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. William was buried at Mansfield Cemetery. William was recorded in the U. S. Census for 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 of Madison Township, Richland County, Ohio.^{36,37,38,39,40,41,42}
- iv. Herbert T. Dickerson was born 1 June 1857 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Herbert married Ella M. Cook 30 October 1879 in Winnebago, Winnebago County, Illinois. Herbert died 13 June 1935 in Calico, Izard County, Arkansas. Herbert was buried at Mansfield Cemetery in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Herbert was recorded in the 1870, 1880, and 1900 U. S. Census of Richland County, Ohio. Herbert was not found in the 1910 and 1920 U. S. Census. Herbert's wife Ella M. Dickerson was found in 1910, 1920, and 1930 living with her son Thomas H. Dickerson in Richland County, Ohio. In 1910 Ella was recorded as married; in 1920 and 1930 she was incorrectly recorded as "widowed". Herbert was found in the 1930 U. S. Census of Izard County, Arkansas. Herbert's death certificate confirms that the Arkansas Herbert was the correct Herbert.^{43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52}

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