

Individual Narrative of Joseph⁸ T. Leverich [433] Son of William⁷ Leverich [211] and Esther (Hester) Strang Husband of Hannah Knapp

Joseph T. Leverich was born in 1806 in Cortlandt Township, Westchester County, New York.¹

Joseph T. Leverich married Hannah Knapp circa 1836-1837 in Westchester County, New York. The marriage date is an estimate based upon the 1838 birth year of their first child.² Hannah Knapp Leverich was born 29 October 1810 in Westchester County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon Hannah's age (94 years, 8 months, 20 days) at the time she died (18 July 1905). Hannah was probably the daughter of David and Hannah Knapp. Hannah's probable parents were living in the same dwelling as Joseph and Hannah in the 1850 U.S. Census of Yorktown, Westchester Co. Joseph and Hannah named two of their children David and Lydia.^{3,4,5}

On 16 February 1843, in consideration of \$200, Joseph and John Leverich sold two tracts of land in Cortlandt to their widowed mother Hester Leverich. The first tract of 60 acres bordered the land of John Knight, land formerly of Pierre Van Cortlandt, Isaac Hatfield, and Conrad Miller. The second tract of 123 acres bordered the land of Cornelia Cronkhite (purchased from Pierre Van Cortlandt), Isaac Strang, and Thomas Moshure. The deed was recorded 21 February 1843.⁶

On 29 November 1843 Joseph Leverich witnessed the will of Joseph Rich of Westchester County, New York.⁷

Joseph Leverich, age 40 cooper, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Joseph's household included his wife Hannah, age 37, and children: Hester J., age 10; David, age 9; Lydia, age 5; Elias F., age 4; and "unnamed" Leverich, age 2. The unnamed Leverich was likely James B. Leverich, more about him below. The household also included Hannah's probable parents David and Lydia Knapp.⁸

Joseph Leverich, age 54 farm laborer, was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York. Joseph's household included his wife Hannah, age 49; and children: Jane, age 21; David E., age 18; Lydia A., age 17; Elias F., age 14; and Oscar, age 10.⁹

Joseph Leverich, age 66 farmer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Bedford, Westchester County, New York. Joseph's household included his wife "Mrs. Leverich" (i.e. Hannah), age 60; and children: Jane, age 30; Lydia, age 25; Elias F., age 22; and Oscar, age 19.¹⁰

Joseph Leverich does not appear in the 1880 U. S. Census. Anna (i.e. Hannah) Leverich, age 69 widow, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Bedford, Westchester County, New York. Anna's household included her children Elias F., age 28; Oscar, age 25; and Jennie, age 33. If Anna (Hannah) was a widow in 1880, then that implies that Joseph died before the 1880 census enumeration. However Joseph's gravestone clearly gives his death year as 1884. It would appear that Joseph and Hannah were separated for unknown reasons.¹¹

Joseph T. Leverich died 10 March 1884 at Katonah, Bedford Township, Westchester County, New York, age 77 years. Joseph was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Shrub Oak, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York.^{12,13}

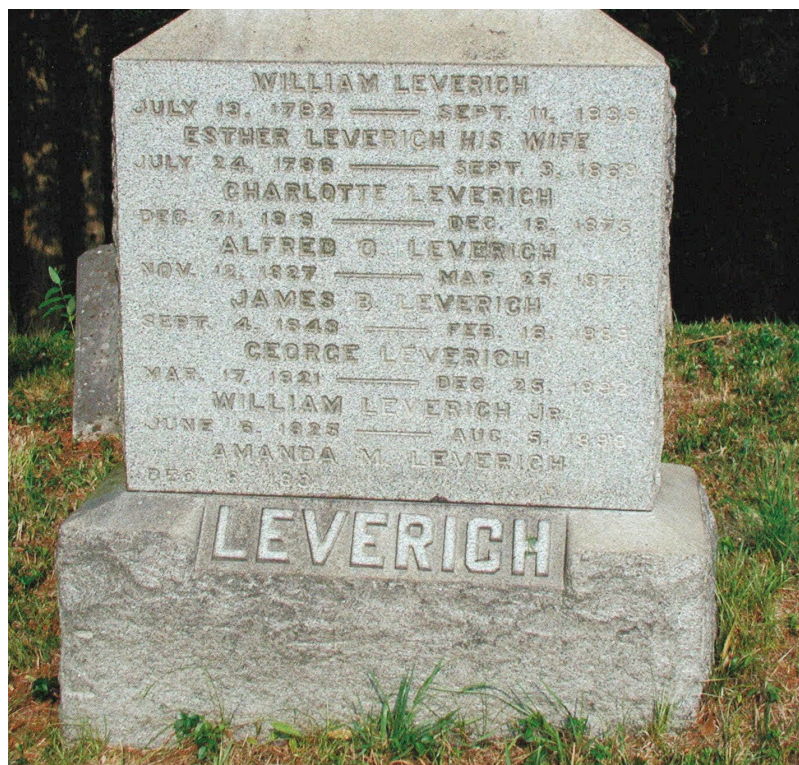
Hannah Leverich, age 89 widow, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Hannah's household included her children Jennie H, age 61; Elias F., age 48; and Oscar, age 44. Elias and Oscar were identified as farmers.¹⁴

Hannah Knapp Leverich died 18 July 1905 in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Hannah was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown.^{15,16,17}

Joseph T. Leverich and Hannah Knapp had seven children, six of whom survived to adulthood. None of the children married, and they often lived together in the same household. With the exception of probable son James B. Leverich, they are all buried together with their parents in the same plot at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York.



- i. Jane Hester Leverich was born October 1838 in Westchester County, New York. Jane was not married. Jane died 22 January 1918 in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Jane was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery. Jane was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 U. S. Census of Westchester County, New York.^{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25}
- ii. David E. Leverich was born 18 October 1840 in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon David's age (27 years, six months, 16 days) at the time of his death (3 May 1868). David was not married. David died 3 May 1868 in Yorktown. David was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown. David was recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U. S. Census in Westchester County.^{26, 27, 28}
- iii. Lydia A. Leverich was born 12 February 1843 in Westchester County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon Lydia's age (65 years, 4 months, 7 days) at the time of her death (19 June 1908). Lydia was not married. Lydia died 19 June 1908 in Westchester County, New York. Lydia was buried in the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown. Lydia was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Westchester County.^{29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34}
- iv. Elias F. Leverich was born 10 January 1846 in Westchester County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon Elias' age (75 years, 8 months, 12 days) at the time of his death (28 September 1921). Elias was not married. Elias died 28 September 1921 in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Elias was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown. Elias was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 U. S. Census of Westchester County.^{35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43}
- v. James B. Leverich was born 4 September 1848 probably in Westchester County, New York. The 1850 U. S. Census of Yorktown, Westchester County records the household of Joseph T. Leverich (son of William Leverich and Esther Strang) and Hannah Knapp. One of the family members listed was a two year old son with the annotation "not named". Why he was not named is unknown, but it is presumed that this individual is James B. Leverich. James was recorded in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 U. S. Census of Westchester County, New York. In each of these censuses James is living with some of the children of his grandparents William Leverich and Esther Strang. In the 1880 Census, James is identified as a nephew which would appear to confirm that James was the son of Joseph T. Leverich. James B. Leverich died 13 February 1889 in Yorktown, Westchester County. James was buried with his grandparents and five of their children at the Old Baptist Church Cemetery in Yorktown. It is not known why James was living with his aunts and uncles 1860 to 1900, or why he was buried with them and his grandparents.^{44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49}



- vi. Oscar Leverich was born 7 November 1849 in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York. Oscar was not married. Oscar died 2 May 1936 in Peekskill, Westchester County. Oscar was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery in Yorktown. Oscar was recorded in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1930 U. S. Census of Westchester County.^{50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59}
- vii. Catherine (Katie) Leverich was born 12 August 1851 in Westchester County, New York. The birth date was calculated based upon Catherine's age (4 years, 1 month, 20 days) at the time she died (28 January 1856). Catherine died as a child 28 January 1856 in Westchester County. Catherine was buried at the Shrub Oak Methodist Church Cemetery. Catherine was not recorded in any census.⁶⁰

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