

Individual Narrative of John⁶ Leveridge [99]

John Leveridge^{1,2,3,4,5,6} was born on 4 Sep 1758 at Manhattan, New York, New York, according to Riker's *Annals of Newtown*. He was the son of Caleb Leverich and Susannah Burch. John's father had died before he was born, 6 July 1758 at Sabbath-day point, Lake George, New York, while serving in the French and Indian War.^{7,8,9,10}

John Leveridge married Ann Chase on 7 Jul 1785 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, at the Dutch Reformed Church of New York.¹¹ Ann Chase was born 9 April 1762 perhaps in Wappinger Falls, Dutchess Co, New York. Ann's parents have not been identified. Ann's father may have been a Benjamin Chase, since a son was named Benjamin Chase Leveridge.^{12,13}

John Leveridge is found in the New York City Directory 1789 and 1790, a shoemaker living at 9 James Street.^{14,15} John Leveridge is recorded in the 1790 U.S. Census, Out Ward, New York County, New York. The census tallies include 4 free white males under the age of 16, one presumably being son John Leveridge Jr. The remaining three may have been shoemaker apprentices. The census tallies also include 1 free white male over the age of 16, John Leveridge Sr; 3 free white females, presumably wife Ann and daughters Susannah and Sarah.¹⁶

The records of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan recorded the death of Sarah Leveridge, daughter of John Leveridge, cordwainer, on 4 December 1790, age 2 years, 6 months, and 7 days.¹⁷

In 1790, Robert Hodge and Samuel Campbell decided that a Bible should be published in this new nation and sought financial support for the venture. When the project became a reality two years later, their list of subscribers included John Leveridge, cordwainer, New York. The subscribers list also included George Washington, President of the United States.¹⁸

The 1795 New York City Directory recorded John Leveridge, Shoemaker, 44 James Street.¹⁹

On 21 June 1797 William Ellis, Shipwright of New York City, sold a house and land in Manhattan to John Leveridge, Cordwainer, of New York City, in consideration of 400 pounds. The lot was located on the south side of Harman Street, 25 feet frontage and 108 feet in length. The New York City Directory does not show John Leveridge at Harman Street until 1803, therefore it is likely that John was renting out the property from 1797 to 1802.²⁰

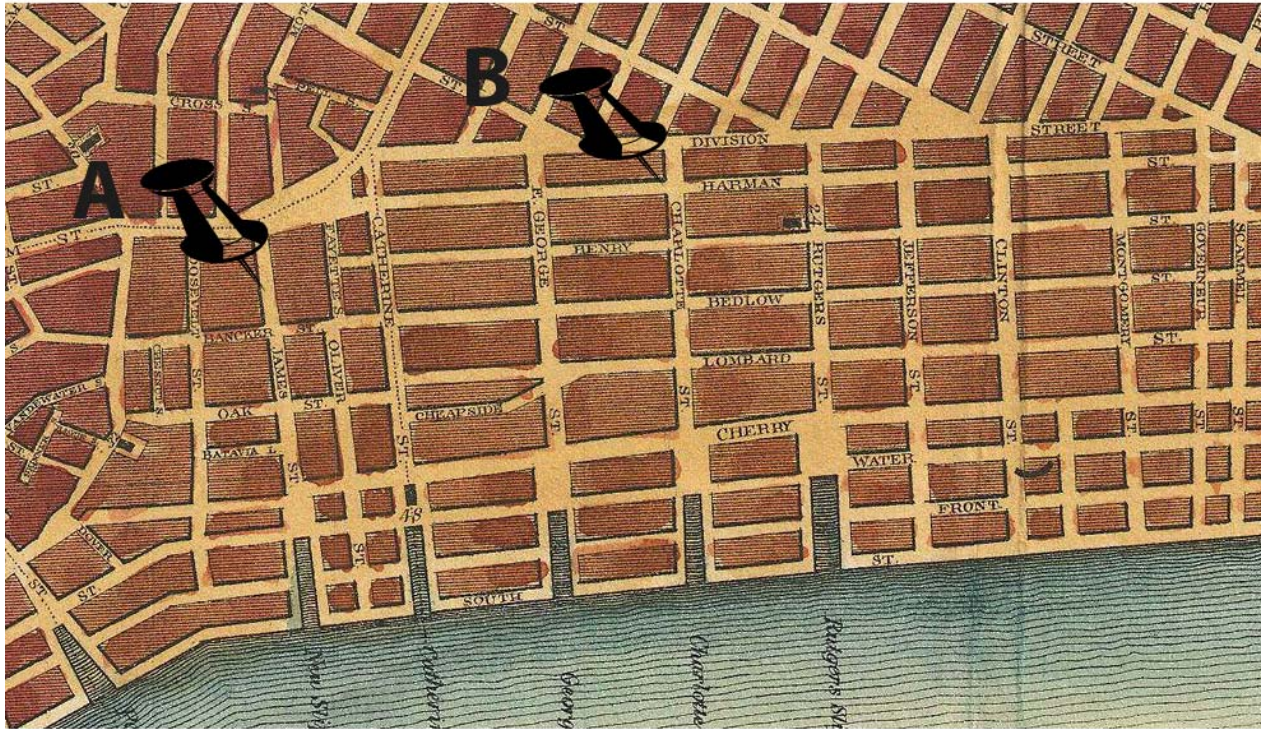
The New York City Directory for 1799, 1801-1802 records John Leveridge, Shoemaker, living at 44 James Street. There is no listing for John in the 1800 directory.^{21,22,23,24}

The 1800 U.S. Census records John Leveridge living in Ward 5, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies include 2 free white males under the age of 10 (sons John Jr. and Benjamin); 2 free white males age 10 to 15 and 1 free white male age 16-25 (perhaps shoemaker apprentices); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (John Sr); 1 free white female under age 10 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 10 to 15 (daughter Susannah); and 1 free white female age 26-44 (wife Ann).²⁵

The 1803 and 1805 New York City Directory records John Leveridge as a City Marshall living at 107 Harman Street. There is no record of John in the 1804 directory.^{26,27,28}

The Minutes of the Common Council of the city of New York mention John Leveridge in his capacity as a city Marshal on 18 November 1805, 9 November 1807, and 29 October 1810.²⁹

1807 William Bridges Map <1871 Reissue>



New York City Directory John Leveridge

A: 1789-1802, Shoemaker, 9 James St and 44 James St

B: 1803-1812, Marshall, Grocer, 107 Harman St & 115 Harman St

The 1810 and 1811 New York City Directories record John Leveridge, Marshal, living at 115 Harman Street.^{30,31} The 1810 U.S. Census records a John Leverages living in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York County, New York. However, the census tallies do not match up, recording only 1 free white male age 16 to 25 and 1 free white female age 16 to 25. Ward 7 however is consistent with the New York City Directory address of 115 Harman Street.³²

The 1812 New York City Directory listed John Leveridge, grocer, living at 115 Harman Street.³³ On 11 March 1812 John Leveridge, grocer, and his wife Ann, of New York City, sold a house and land in Manhattan to John W. Mulligan attorney of New York City, in consideration of \$1,510. The lot was located on the south side of Harman Street, 25 feet frontage and 108 feet in length.³⁴

John Leveridge died on 28 Jul 1812 at Manhattan, New York, New York, at age 53.^{35,36,37,38} The original burial place of John Leveridge is unknown. It might have been at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. John was subsequently reinterred 12 December 1849 at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York in Lot 2986.^{39,40}

The 1820 U.S. Census records Ann Liverage living in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies include on free wife male age 16-25 (son Benjamin); 2 free white females age 16-25 (daughter Eliza, and unidentified), and one free wife female age 45 and over (Ann, widow of John). Recorded immediately adjacent on the census is John Ball, likely Ann's son-in-law, the husband of her daughter Susannah.⁴¹ The 1820 New York City Directory lists Ann Leverige, widow, and John Ball, city Marshal, both living at 115 Harman Street.⁴²

The 1830 U.S. Census records a John Leveridge living in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. This is likely John Leveridge Jr, the son of John Leveridge and Ann Chase. The census tallies include 1 free white female age 70 to 79, likely John's mother the widow Ann Leveridge.⁴³

The 1830 New York City Directory lists a John Leveridge, attorney, living at 145 Cherry Street.⁴⁴ The 1840 U.S. Census records a John Leveridge living in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Again, this is likely John Leveridge Jr, the son of John Leveridge and Ann Chase. The census tallies include 1 free white female age 80 to 89, likely John's mother the widow Ann Leveridge.⁴⁵

The 1840 New York City Directory lists a John Leveridge, counsellor, living at 145 Cherry Street.⁴⁶

Ann Chase Leveridge, widow of John Leveridge, died 2 January 1848 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The death notice in the New York Evening Post stated that she was 86 years old, and that she had been living at 145 Cherry Street in Manhattan at the time she died.⁴⁷ The original burial place of Ann Chase Leveridge is unknown. It might have been at the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Ann was subsequently reinterred 14 June 1849 at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York in Lot 2986, Section 32.^{48,49}

John Leveridge and Ann Chase had five children surviving to adulthood.⁵⁰

- i. Susannah Leveridge was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York about 1786. Susannah married 12 March 1808 in Manhattan John Ball. She died 22 March 1883 at the age of 97 in Manhattan, and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{51,52,53,54}
- ii. John Leveridge Jr was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 15 September 1792. John married first 4 May 1816 at the first Presbyterian Church, Metuchen, Middlesex Co, New Jersey Adeline Matilda Creemer. John married second 25 January 1826 probably in Manhattan, New York Co, New York Mary Jane Poillon. He died 17 February 1886 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York at the age of 94. John Leveridge was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{55,56,57,58,59}
- iii. Sarah Leveridge was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 6 September 1796. Sarah married first January 1814 in Manhattan Captain John Norman. No children of this marriage have been identified. Sarah married second 4 October 1829 at Manhattan Joseph Lamson. Sarah Leveridge Lamson died 2 November 1886 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Sarah was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Primary sources have not been identified for Sarah's birth and second marriage. These events are cited, unsourced, in the *Descendants of William Lamson of Ipswich, Mass. 1634-1917*, by William J. Lamson. This published genealogy identifies Joseph as Joseph Moulton Lamson, son of Caleb, born at Newbury, Massachusetts in 1807, and died at St Croix, West Indies in 1838. The same volume cites Joseph's marriage in 1829 to "Mrs. Sarah Ann Davis, daughter of John and Ann Loveridge". This volume implies a first marriage prior to Joseph Lamson, but apparently to a different person.^{60,61,62}
- iv. Benjamin Chase Leveridge was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York 11 January 1800. Benjamin married 29 March 1826 at the Dutch Reformed Church of New York to Mary Ann Van Pelt. He died 16 April 1862 in Manhattan. Benjamin was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY 5 April 1878.^{63,64,65,66}
- v. Ann Eliza Leveridge was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 18 June 1802. Eliza became the second wife of Elias Osborn Taylor in July 1830, probably in Manhattan. Eliza died 26 September 1884 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York at the age of 80. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx County, New York. Primary sources have not been identified for Ann Eliza's birth and marriage. These events are cited, unsourced, in the *Whitney Family of Connecticut* by Henry Whitney.^{67,68}

The children of John Leveridge and Ann Chase adopted the "idge" spelling of their surname, rather than the more common "ich" spelling. Aware that Rev. William Leverich who arrived in New England from England in 1633 was his ancestor, John Leveridge Jr apparently had some research done on the family in England. The "ich" spelling was more common in England prior to the 18th century, but by the 1800's the "idge" spelling had become more common in England. This may account for this branch of the family also adopting the "idge" spelling.

This is the only branch of the family descended from Rev William Leverich that uses this surname variation. However, individuals bearing the Leveridge surname are currently found in the southwestern part of the U.S., and are likely to be descended from a John Leveridge who settled in Virginia in the 17th century, and whose descendants migrated through Kentucky to Texas and Oklahoma.^{69,70,71}

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