

## Individual Narrative of Mary<sup>7</sup> Bonnett Leverich [132] Wife of John Moffet

Mary Bonnett Leverich<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> was born on 13 May 1804 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Jesse Leverich and Gashe Berrian.<sup>5,6,7</sup> Mary Bonnett Leverich was baptized 3 August 1804 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>8</sup>

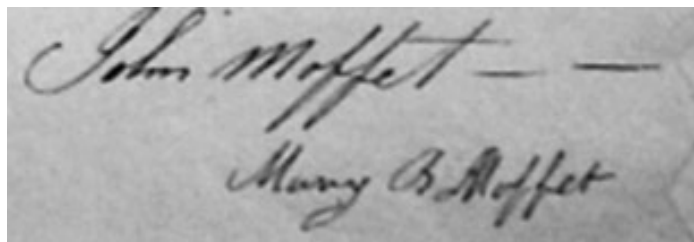
Mary B. Leverich married John Moffet, merchant of Manhattan, on 30 Oct 1823 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. The marriage was blessed by the Rev. John Goldsmith.<sup>9,10</sup>

John Moffet was born 24 April 1793 in Ireland. Neither John's date of immigration, nor the identity of his parents have been determined. A John Moffet, born about 1793 in Ireland, made a declaration of intent for naturalization on 22 November 1815 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This could be the John Moffet that married Mary B. Leverich, but there is no conclusive evidence to confirm that. The 1855 New York State Census record for John Moffet, living in Ward 18 Manhattan, New York Co, New York, indicates that John had been living in New York City for 42 years. This suggests locating in New York City about 1813, age 20, which is inconsistent, although still possible, with a declaration of intent in Philadelphia in 1815.<sup>11,12,13,14</sup>

The 1825 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet with a dry goods business at 219 Greenwich St, residing at 226 Greenwich St.<sup>15</sup>

The 1830 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet with a dry goods business at 279 Grand St, residing at 163 Chrystie St.<sup>16</sup> John Moffet is recorded as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census, Ward 5 Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies account for known family members at the time, plus 12 unidentified individuals, 7 free white males and 5 free white females. There are two free white males under the age of 5 (sons Robert and William); 2 free white males age 30-40 (John Moffet and 1 unidentified); 1 free white female under the age of 5 (daughter Mary G); 3 free white females age 20-30 (Mary B. Moffet and 2 unidentified. Also unidentified are 1 free white male age 10 to 15; 3 free white males age 20-30; 2 free white males age 40-50; 2 free white females age 5 to 10; 1 free white female age 30-40. It would appear that John and Mary Moffet were sharing living quarters with at least one or maybe two other families.<sup>17</sup>

On 14 June 1833 a document was executed pertaining to the estate of Jesse Leverich, entitled "Discharge of Executors", which contains the signatures of John Moffet and Mary B. Moffet.

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "John Moffet" and the bottom signature reads "Mary B. Moffet".

The 1835 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, Boatman, residing at 117 Mulberry St.<sup>18</sup>

The 1840 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, book seller, at 112 Canal Street.<sup>19</sup> John Moffet is recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census, Ward 8 Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies match exactly for known family members at the time: 1 free white male under age 5 (son John K); 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son Isaac L); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son William B); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (son Robert K); 1 free white male age 40-49 (John Sr.); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Lucy G); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Mary G); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (wife Mary B).<sup>20</sup>

The 1845 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, book seller, at 194 West Broadway.<sup>21</sup>

The 1850 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, book seller 103 Fulton St, residing at 16 Grand St.<sup>22</sup> John Moffet, age 57 born Ireland, bookseller, is recorded as a head of family in the 1850 U.S. Census, Ward 8 Mahattan, New York County, New York. The remaining family members, all born in New York include Mary B., age 47; Robert, clerk, age 24; William B., clerk, age 22; Mary age 20; Isaac, clerk, age 19; Lucy age 17; John age 11, and Margaret age 6.<sup>23</sup>

In a deed dated 1 April 1851, the executors of the estate of Peter Bonnett, i.e. widow Patience Bonnett (sister of Mary Moffet), and sons from Peter's first marriage Peter R. Bonnett and Daniel Bonnett sold to Mary Moffet, wife of John Moffet, in consideration of \$3,575 a lot in Ward 18 of Manhattan (formerly Ward 12), located on the southwest corner of East 21st Street at 3rd Avenue. The deed was witnessed by A. Wright and recorded on 4 April 1851.<sup>24</sup>

The *New York Times* of 17 September 1855 published the following report. Isaac L. Moffet vs. Policeman Wanzer, of the 18th District, being a complaint of Moffet, of No. 151 East Twenty first street, for abuse and mal treatment. The complaint was substantiated by the father of appellant, in behalf of respondent; he himself made oath to assault by the two Moffet's. A certificate of Justice Pearcey as to the truth of the complaint of policeman against the Moffet's, as also the affidavits of several officers substantiating the facts as set forth by Wanzer. Respondent signified his willingness to the leave the case on the papers now in which was objected to by counsel for complainant, and by Judge Stuart, who objected to deciding on ex parte testimony. The case was then ordered to be put on the calendar for trial at the next meeting, and the Board adjourned.

Subsequently, the *New York Times* of 24 September 1855 reported that the Police Commissioners met Saturday afternoon, and investigated the case of Policeman Wanzer, on the complaint of Messers Isaac L and John Moffet, referred to in the Times of the 17th inst. Decision being reserved. Information pertaining to the final disposition of this case has not been found.<sup>25</sup>

The 1855 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, book seller 82 Nassau St, residing at 151 East 21st Street.<sup>26</sup> John Moffet, age 61 born Ireland, bookseller, is recorded as a head of family in the 1855 New York State Census, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The remaining family members, all born in New York include Mary B, age 51; Isaac L, age 24, clerk; Lucy G, age 22; and Margaret E, age 17, clerk.<sup>27</sup>

The 1860 New York City Directory lists a John Moffet, book seller 117 Fulton St, residing at 151 East 21st Street.<sup>28</sup> John Moffet, age 66 born Ireland is recorded as a head of family in the 1860 U.S. Census, Manhattan Ward 18, District 3, New York County, New York. The remaining family members, all born in New York include Mary, age 64; Isaac, age 28; John, age 21; Margaret, age 17; and Lucy G. O'Neil, age 24, wife of William O'Neil.<sup>29</sup>

John Moffet died 15 June 1864, age 71 years, 1 month and 22 days, at Manhattan, New York County, New York. John was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Queens Co, New York.<sup>30,31</sup> Letters of Administration on the estate of John Moffet were granted on 5 July 1864 to his widow Mary B. Moffet, at the New York County, New York Surrogate.<sup>32</sup> The 1864 and 1865 New York City Directories list John Moffet, bookseller 29 Ann St in 1864, 25 Ann St in 1865, residing both years 151 East 21st Street.<sup>33,34</sup>

The 1866 New York City Directory lists Mary B. Moffet, widow of John Moffet, living at 151 East 21st Street.<sup>35</sup> The 1868-1870 New York City Directories list Mary B. Moffet, widow of John Moffet, living at 228 East 21st Street. It is not certain if the address change represents a house renumbering, or a relocation to a new house nearby.<sup>36,37,38</sup>

The 1870 U.S. Census, Manhattan, Ward 18, District 8, lists Mary B Moffet, age 66, with real estate valued at \$12,000. Also included in the household is Mary's son John K. Moffet, his wife Emma, and their son Francis H.; also Isaac L. Moffet; also Margaret Corbet, Emma's mother, and Henry Corbet, Emma's brother; also grandson William Henry Fredericks.<sup>39</sup>

The 1875-1880 New York City Directories list Mary B. Moffet, widow of John Moffet, living at 228 East 21st Street.<sup>40,41</sup>



**Mary B. Leverich Moffet, Widow John Moffet: 228 East 21st Street**  
**1870 New York City Directory**  
 <1870 Hardy Map of Manhattan, New York Co, NY>

Mary B. Leverich Moffet died of pneumonia on 22 Mar 1880 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, at age 75. Mary B. Moffet was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Queens Co, New York.<sup>42,43,44</sup>

Mary B. Moffet made a will dated 6 November 1880, which was accepted for probate 14 April 1880 at the New York County Surrogate. The heirs named included son Isaac L. Moffet, son John K. Moffet, daughter Lucy G. McMahon wife of Thomas McMahon, and the children of deceased daughter Mary G. Fredericks. The will makes additional provisions for the care of son Isaac, who never married, suggesting the possibility that he was subject to some type of disability. However, census records do not identify any disabilities for Isaac. John K. Moffet and Lucy G. McMahon were named executors. The will was witnessed by James Standon Farris and George Plump.<sup>45</sup>

John Moffet and Mary Bonnett Leverich had nine children, seven of whom survived to adulthood, 3 of whom married and had children.<sup>46</sup>

- i. Robert Kelly Moffet was born 16 August 1824 in Manhattan. Robert was never married. Robert died 13 April 1853 in Benicia, Solano Co, California. Robert went to California with his friend Sam Clark during the gold rush by boat but fell into the water when they landed at California due to the rush of passengers to disembark.<sup>47,48,49</sup>
- ii. William Boardman Moffet was born 15 November 1825 at Manhattan. William was never married. William died of consumption 24 September 1829 at Manhattan. William was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church in Queens County.<sup>50,51,52,53,54</sup>
- iii. Mary Gertrude Moffet was born 27 June 1829 at Manhattan. Mary married 27 March 1854 Linson D. Fredericks in Manhattan. Mary died 17 April 1870 in Manhattan. Mary was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx Co, New York.<sup>55,56,57,58,59,60</sup>
- iv. Isaac L. Moffet was born 9 March 1831 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Isaac was never married. Isaac may have suffered from a disability. His mother's will made special provisions for his care, and Isaac always resided with his mother or one of his siblings. Isaac died 14 July 1886 in Manhattan.<sup>61,62,63,64</sup>
- v. Lucy Gardner Moffet was born 30 December 1832 in Manhattan. Lucy married first William W. O'Neil 30 June 1858 in Manhattan. Lucy married second Thomas McMahon 18 February 1867 in Manhattan. Lucy died 4 November 1918 in Staten Island, Richmond Co, New York. Lucy was buried in the Moravian Cemetery in Staten Island.<sup>65,66,67,68,69</sup>

- vi. John Knox Moffet was born 16 April 1838 in Manhattan. John married Emma L. Corbet 24 February 1863 in Manhattan. John died 4 June 1921 in Jamaica, Queens County, New York.<sup>70,71,72,73</sup>
- vii. Jesse Leverich Moffet was born 24 July 1840 in Manhattan. Jesse was baptized 16 July 1841 at the Madison Avenue Reformed Church in Manhattan. Jesse died as a child 26 April 1842 in Manhattan age 1 year 9 months.<sup>74,75,76</sup>
- viii. Margaret Erwin Moffet was born 2 December 1842 in Manhattan. Mary was never married. Mary died 28 April 1862, in Manhattan, age 19.<sup>77,78,79</sup>
- ix. Charles Henry Moffet was born in 1844 in Manhattan and died in Manhattan as a child in 1846. Charles Henry Moffet is mentioned solely in the Family Record of Mary Bonnett Leverich. No other sources have been found. A "Moffitt" without a given name or an age died 14 August 1846 in Manhattan, as per *New York City Municipal Deaths*.<sup>80,81,82</sup>

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