

**Individual Narrative of Joseph<sup>7</sup> Burroughs [199]  
Son of Susannah<sup>6</sup> Leverich and Thomas Burroughs  
Husband of Hannah Searles  
Husband of Susan Smith**

Joseph Burroughs was born about 1800 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the son of Susannah Leverich and Thomas Burroughs, as per James Riker's *Annals of Newtown*. Joseph's death notice states that he was born in 1799. Census records indicate a birth year of either 1799 or 1800.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Joseph Burroughs, son of Thomas Burroughs, was baptized 15 November 1804 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>4</sup>

Joseph Burroughs was a member of the Village Guards, the first uniformed military organization of Brooklyn. He was commissioned a Captain by Governor DeWitt Clinton in 1820, and a Colonel by Governor Throop in 1839 when John A. Dix was Lieutenant-Colonel. In August 1824, on Lafayette's visit to America, Col. Burroughs escorted him through Brooklyn.<sup>5</sup>

On 12 June 1823, Joseph Burroughs advertised in the *Long Island Star* the opening of a hat store at 33 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.<sup>6</sup>

Joseph Burroughs married Hannah Palmer Searles, daughter of Isaac Searles and Susannah Ward, on 30 Oct 1823 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. William Ross at the Old Sands Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.<sup>7,8,9,10</sup>

Hannah Searles was born on 9 August 1801 in Chatham, Morris Co, New Jersey. She was age 65 at the time she died in 1867.<sup>11,12</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is recorded in the 1830 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Ward 1, Kings Co, New York. The census tallies include 2 free white males under the age of 5 (sons Edward and Joseph); 3 free white males age 20 to 29 (Joseph Sr, perhaps two apprentices and/or laborers); 1 free white female under the age of 5 (daughter Mary Jane); 2 free white females age 20 to 29 (wife Hannah and unidentified); 1 free white female age 60 to 69 (perhaps mother Susannah).<sup>13</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1833-1834 city directory of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, operating a hat store at 16 Fulton Street, living at 58 Hicks St.<sup>14,15</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1840-1841 city directory of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, a fur blower 9 Summit. Upon moving to Newark from Brooklyn, Joseph continued his hat business, benefiting from his father-in-law Isaac's inventions for fur blowing. A fur blower is one who operated a "blowing machine" used to clean and separate fibers in the textile trade.<sup>16,17,18</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. The census tallies include 1 free white male under the age of 5 (son William); 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son Fletcher); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son Edward); 1 free white male age 40-49 (Joseph Sr, head of household); 1 free white female under age 5 (daughter Rosalie); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (daughter Mary Jane); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (wife Hannah).<sup>19</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1844-1845 city directory of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, a fur blower at 156 Bank St, living at 250 High Street. This directory also lists Joseph's son Edward, a law student, also living at 250 High Street.<sup>20</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1849-1850 city directory of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, a fur blower operating at the Inclined Plane, living at 250 High Street. This directory also lists Joseph's son Edward, attorney at law, also living at 250 High Street.

Joseph Burroughs is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newark, West Ward, Essex Co, New Jersey. The household includes the following Burroughs family members: Joseph, fur blower, age 50, born NY; Hannah, age 49, born NJ; Edward, age 23, born NY; Fletcher, age 16, born NY; Rosalie, age 14, born NY; Joseph, age 8, born NJ; Henry, age 5, born NJ; and Henrietta, age 2, born NJ.<sup>21</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1854-1855 city directory of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, a fur blower operating at the Inclined Plane, living at 199 Bank Street. This directory also lists Joseph's son Edward, attorney at law, also living at 199 Bank Street.<sup>22</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newark, Ward 6, Essex Co, New Jersey. The household includes the following Burroughs family members: Joseph, fur blower, age 61, born NY; Hannah, age 59, born NJ; Mary J. Van Wagener, age 35, born NY, and her husband Julius Van Wagener; Joseph, age 18, born NJ; Henry, age 15, born NJ. The census enumerator incorrectly identified Joseph and Henry with the surname Van Wagener. However, Joseph was age 8 and Henry was age 5 in the 1850 Census, so the Joseph and Henry of the 1860 Census were likely Burroughs.<sup>23</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1861 city directory of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, a fur blower operating at the Inclined Plane, living at 199 Bank Street.<sup>24</sup>

Joseph Burroughs and his son Henry are listed in the 1865 Newark city directory, as members of the firm J. Burroughs and Co, fur blowing operating at the Hedenberg Works, both living at 199 Bank Street.<sup>25</sup>

Hannah Searles Burroughs died 17 February 1867 in Newark at age 65. Hannah suffered from consumption (aka tuberculosis). Hannah was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark, Section D, Lot 124.<sup>26,27</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1870 Newark city directory, fur cutting and blower operating at the Hedenberg Works, living at 254 Bank Street.<sup>28</sup>

Joseph Burroughs, age 70, born NY, manufacturer of Fur Blowers, is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newark, Ward 6, Essex Co, New Jersey. Joseph is living alone in the household of William Hagaman. The census enumerator incorrectly recorded Joseph's age as 50.<sup>29</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1875 Newark city directory living at 254 Bank Street.<sup>30</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. He is identified as a hatter, age 80, born in New York, unemployed for six months. He is a boarder in the household of Walter Warner. The household was located at 254 Bank Street.<sup>31</sup>

Also listed as a boarder in the same household is a Susan Burroughs, married, age 60, born in New Jersey. Since the census record indicates that Joseph was "married", not "widowed", then this Susan may have been a second wife for Joseph. A Susan Smith, widow of Col. Burroughs, died 4 May 1898, age 82, and was buried at the Rosedale Cemetery in Orange, Essex Co, New Jersey. Her gravestone indicates that she was born 10 August 1815. Since Susan does not appear with Joseph in the 1870 Census, it is likely that they were married between 1870 and 1880. A Susan Smith, age 44, dressmaker, living in the household of David and Elizabeth Smith, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Orange, Essex Co, New Jersey. The 1895 Newark City Directory lists a Susan Burroughs, widow of Joseph, living 53 5th Avenue.<sup>32,33,34,35</sup>

Joseph Burroughs is listed in the 1882 Newark City Directory living at 254 Bank Street.<sup>36</sup>

Joseph Burroughs died on 8 Jun 1882 at Newark, Essex, New Jersey, and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark, Section D, Lot 124. He was identified as "Colonel" Joseph Burroughs.<sup>37,38,39</sup>

Joseph Burroughs and Hannah Searles had ten children, 6 of whom survived to adulthood. Only 2 of the 6 reached the age of 40 or more. At least 2 died from consumption (i.e. tuberculosis) like their mother.<sup>40,41</sup>

- i. Mary Jane Burroughs was born in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 28 September 1825. Mary Jane married Julius Van Wagenen 15 February 1849 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Mary Jane Van Wagenen died 11 April 1862 at Newark and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mary Jane Van Wagenen was recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Newark. Julius Van Wagenen married for the second time Elizabeth Dougal on 11 January 1865 at Newark.<sup>42,43,44,45,46,47</sup>
- ii. Edward Burroughs was born in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 23 April 1827. Edward was married to Sarah E. Holden 4 August 1851 at the 2nd Presbyterian Church by the Rev. A.D. Eddy in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Edward was an attorney at law, and was appointed Deputy County Clerk for Essex County in June 1853. Edward died of consumption (tuberculosis) 11 September 1856 at Newark, and was buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Edward Burroughs was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census living with his parents in Newark, West Ward.<sup>48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56</sup>
- iii. Joseph Augustus Burroughs was born 11 October 1831 and died as an infant 22 February 1833 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. The only source found to document this child was in Ancestry.com Family Trees.<sup>57</sup>
- iv. Fletcher Burroughs was born in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 24 December 1833. Fletcher died unmarried of consumption (i.e. tuberculosis) 1 December 1855 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Fletcher was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark. Fletcher was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census living with his parents in Newark, West Ward.<sup>58,59,60,61</sup>
- v. Rosalie Burroughs was born about 1856 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. The birth year is a calculated estimate based upon census records. Rosalie was married to Jonathan Townley Ogden 12 June 1855 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey by the Rev. Dr. Wedden. Jonathan died 7 February 1868 in Detroit, Michigan. Rosalie married 2nd William H. Miller, probably in Newark, circa 1870 and the family removed to California. Rosalie Miller died 28 August 1921 in Los Angeles, California. Rosalie was recorded in the U.S. Census 1850 and 1860 in Newark; 1880 in Oakland, California; 1910 and 1920 in Los Angeles. Rosalie was not found in the 1870 U.S. Census, perhaps because the family was then traveling to California.<sup>62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73</sup>
- vi. William Nelson Burroughs was born in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York on 8 May 1837. He died as an infant in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey 24 January 1839, age 1 year, 8 months, and 16 days. The dates annotated in findagrave.com and the Christian-Zimmerman Family Tree at Ancestry.com are incorrect. William was originally buried in Brooklyn, but was reinterred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark 20 March 1845 after the family relocated.<sup>74,75,76</sup>
- vii. Charles Whitman Burroughs was born in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey on 30 January 1840. He died as an infant in Newark 12 August 1841. The birth year is a calculated estimate based upon Charles' age at the time he died, i.e. 1 year, 6 months. Charles was buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.<sup>77,78,79,80</sup>
- viii. Joseph Burroughs Jr was born in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey circa 1842. The approximate birth year is based upon census records. Joseph married Lydia Madina Rogers 27 September 1867 in Essex County, New Jersey. Joseph is listed in the 1867-1870 Newark City Directories as a cashier in the 2nd National Bank. Joseph is not found in the 1870 U.S. Census. Joseph is listed in the District of Columbia City Directory for 1871, identified as a census clerk. A specific date and place of death has not been identified for Joseph Burroughs Jr. He likely died between 1885 and 1900. In the 1885 New Jersey State Census, Joseph is recorded as head of household in New Barbadoes, Village of Hackensack, Bergen Co, New Jersey. In the 1900 U.S. Census of Hackensack Ward 4, Lydia Burroughs is recorded as head of household and a widow. Joseph is not listed in the Newark or DC City Directories 1871 to 1881, nor is he found in the 1880 U.S. Census. In the 1880 Census, Lydia Burroughs and her children are recorded living in the household of her parents James and Lydia Rogers in Hackensack. In the 1895 New Jersey State Census, a "Joseph Burrough" (no "s") is listed as an inmate at the Insane Asylum in Essex County, NJ (subsequently know as Overbrook Asylum, currently the Essex County Hospital Center). No direct evidence that this "Joseph Burrough" was the same person as Joseph Burroughs Jr had been found. Joseph is not buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark where other family members are buried. If Joseph was the same person as listed in the Insane Asylum, then he might have been buried on the grounds of the Asylum. However, no record of burials at the Asylum has been found. Lydia Burroughs died at

Hackensack at the age of 94 on 12 July 1937 and was buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.<sup>81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92</sup>

- ix. Henry S. Burroughs was born in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey on 3 February 1845. Henry is listed in the 1865 Newark City Directory, working with his father Joseph in the firm of J. Burroughs and Co, fur blowing located at the Hedenberg works. Joseph and Henry were living at 199 Bank Street. Henry is recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Newark. Henry played baseball with the Washington Olympics in the National Association of Professional Baseball Players according to an article in the Spirit of the Times Newspaper 18 March 1871. Henry is listed in the 1876-1877 Newark City Directory as a clerk, 57 Boston Street. Henry S. Burroughs married Leila A. Lauzinzer Van Husen 19 March 1876 in Newark. Henry died 31 March 1878 at Newark and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark. In the 1880 U.S. Census of Newark, Leila Burroughs, age 25, is identified as a widow living at 57 Boston Street. She is the head of household with two boarders, but no children. The 1894 Newark City Directory identifies Lelia Burroughs as the widow of Henry S. Burroughs, living at 179 Fairmount Ave. Lelia Burroughs died August 1939 and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.<sup>93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,102,103</sup>
- x. Henrietta Burroughs was born in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey on 23 August 1847. She died as a child age 6 in Newark on 27 October 1853. Henrietta was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.<sup>104,105,106</sup>

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