

Individual Narrative of Sarah⁷ Leveridge [205]
Daughter of John⁶ Leveridge [99] and Ann Chase
Wife of John Norman
Wife of Joseph M. Lamson

Sarah Leveridge was born on 6 September 1795 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, the daughter of John Leveridge and Ann Chase. John Leveridge adopted the "idge" spelling, instead of the "ich" spelling, and the practice was carried on by his children and their descendants.^{1,2}

Sarah Leveridge married a Captain John Norman on 27 January 1814 at Manhattan, New York, New York. This marriage is documented in a New York Evening Post marriage notice. This could be a first marriage for the subject of this narrative. However, there is no corroborating evidence, and no further information regarding Captain John Norman has been found in the written record. No John Norman is identified in either the 1820 U.S. Census or the New York City Directory 1815-1829. The "Captain" designation could mean a sea captain, or a militia commander. No children have been identified of this marriage.^{3,4}

Sarah Leveridge married Joseph Moulton Lamson on 29 October 1829 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The volume *Descendants of William Lamson of Ipswich, Mass. 1634-1917* states that Joseph M. Lamson married Mrs. Sarah Ann Davis, daughter of John and Ann Loveridge (sic). If true, this suggests that either the Captain John Norman marriage does not pertain to the subject of this narrative, in which case a marriage to Mr. Davis (given name is unidentified) was Sarah's first marriage, or a marriage to Mr. Davis was Sarah's second marriage. No further information regarding the Davis marriage or spouse has been found in the written record.⁵

Circumstantial evidence supports the 1829 marriage date to Joseph M. Lamson. In the 1830 New York City Directory, a Sarah Norman, tailoress, 54 Henry Street, appears for the first time. This could be a "widow Norman", but this is speculative, and would put in doubt a marriage to a Mr. Davis. Sarah Norman does not appear in the 1831 New York City Directory, but a Joseph Lamson, painter, 199 Division Street is found in both the 1830 and 1831 New York City Directories. The *Descendants of William Lamson* states that Joseph M. Lamson was a painter and lived in New York City.^{6,7,8}

Joseph M. Lamson was born 26 September 1807 in Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts, the son of Caleb Lamson and Abigail Chase.⁹

The 1830 U.S. Census records Joseph Lamson living in Manhattan, Ward 7, New York Co, New York. Ward 7 is consistent with the New York City Directory listing for Joseph at 199 Division Street. The census tallies indicate a household of five persons, two of which were likely Joseph and his wife Sarah Leveridge Lamson. The remaining three persons are unidentified.¹⁰

The 1832 and 1833 New York City Directory lists Joseph Lamson, painter 199 Division street. The 1834 and 1835 New York City Directory lists Joseph Lamson, painter 204 Division street, home 199 Division street. The 1836 New York City Directory lists Joseph Lamson, painter, 204 Division street, home 79 Suffolk street. The 1837 New York City Directory lists Joseph Lamson, painter, 21 Eldridge St.^{11,12,13,14,15,16}

Joseph M. Lamson died 31 March 1838 in Saint Croix in the West Indies, now the U.S. Virgin Islands, as per *The Descendants of William Lamson*. However, Letters of Administration on the estate of Joseph M. Lamson give a death date of 1 April 1838.^{17,18} The 1838 New York City Directory lists Sarah Lamson, widow of Joseph, living at 78 Norfolk street.¹⁹

Letters of Administration on the estate of Joseph M. Lamson were granted 10 October 1838 to John Leveridge at the New York County Surrogate. John was an attorney and the brother of Sarah Leveridge Lamson. On 25 April 1838, Sarah had renounced the right to administer the estate in favor of her brother. Sarah signed the renunciation document with her mark, likely indicating the Sarah could not read or write.²⁰

The 1840 U.S. Census records a Sarah Lamson living in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son John W.); 3 free white females under age 5 (daughter Mary Jane, two unidentified persons); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Abigail); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 40 to 49 (widow Sarah).²¹ Recorded adjacent to Sarah's listing is that of Elias O. Taylor, her brother-in-law and the husband of her younger sister Ann Eliza Leveridge.²²

The 1840 New York City Directory lists Sarah Lamson, widow of Joseph, 643 Water street. The 1850 New York City Directory lists Sarah Lamson, widow of Joseph, 552 Grand Street.²³

The 1850 U.S. Census records a Sarah Lamson living in Ward 13, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The household included Sarah, age 55; Abigail A. Lamson, daughter age 20; John W. Lamson, son, age 18; and Mary J. Lamson, daughter age 15. The household also includes Mary A. Smith age 3. Mary's relationship to the household is unknown.²⁴

Abigail Lamson had married Robert Diddell 5 October 1845 in Manhattan. A son Robert Jr. was born circa 1847. However, Abigail is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as Abigail Lamson, living in her mother's household without her husband and son. Neither Robert Diddell Sr. or Jr. can be found in the 1850 U.S. Census. This suggests that Abigail and Robert had separated for unknown reasons. No divorce record has been located, and Abigail would subsequently use the surname Diddell.^{25,26,27}

The 1860 U.S. Census records a Sarah Lamson living in Ward 13, District 4, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The household included Sarah, age 64, nurse; and Abigail Diddle, daughter age 30. Once again, Abigail appears to be living apart from her husband and son, Robert Diddell Sr. and Jr. The household also included a Joseph Taylor, age 30, who may have been a nephew of Sarah.²⁸

The 1862 New York City Directory lists Sarah Lamson, widow of Joseph, nurse, 431 1/2 Grand Street.²⁹

The 1870 U.S. Census records Sarah Lamson living in Ward 7, District 7, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Sarah, age 77, is living in the household of her daughter and son-in-law, Abigail and Wilson Small, ages 40 and 65. This was Abigail's second marriage which took place in 1868, following the death in 1865 of her apparently estranged first husband Robert Diddell. Also listed in the household is Robert Small, age 23, stock broker. Most likely, this individual is actually Robert Diddell Jr, Abigail's son from her first marriage. The 1870 New York City Directory lists the Wilson Small household at 266 Henry street.^{30,31}

The 1880 U.S. Census records Sarah Lamson living in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Sarah, age 84, is living in the household of her daughter and son-in-law, Abbe and Wilson Small, ages 48 and 69. The 1880 New York City Directory lists the Wilson Small household at 266 Henry street.^{32,33}

Sarah Leveridge (Norman) Small died on 2 Nov 1886 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York, at age 91. She was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{34,35,36}

Sarah Leveridge (Norman) Lamson and her husband Joseph M. Lamson had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood.³⁷

- i. Abigail A. L. Lamson was born in Manhattan, New York County, New York on 18 July 1830. Abigail married for the first time 5 October 1845 Robert Diddell in Manhattan. Abigail and Robert separated prior to 1850. Abigail married second 20 July 1868 Wilson Small in Manhattan. Abigail died 23 March 1904 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{38,39,40,41,42,43,44}
- ii. John W. L. Lamson was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 20 November 1831. John never married. John died 21 July 1851 at the age of 20 in Manhattan.^{45,46,47}
- iii. Joseph M. Lamson Jr. was born in Manhattan 7 September 1833. Joseph died as an infant 8 May 1834 in Manhattan.^{48,49,50}

- iv. Mary Jane Lamson was born in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 21 April 1835. Mary Jane married 25 September 1853 John Eddy in Manhattan. Mary Jane died 22 April 1916 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{51,52,53,54,55}
- v. Joseph B. L. Lamson was born in Manhattan, New York County, New York on 2 March 1838. Joseph died as an infant 5 April 1839 in Manhattan.⁵⁶

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