

## Individual Narrative of James<sup>8</sup> Smith Leverich [232] Son of Richard<sup>7</sup> Berrian Leverich and Mary Van Wickel Husband of Adelia Ann Clark

James Smith Leverich<sup>1,2</sup> was born on 29 September 1828 at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York, the son of Richard Berrian Leverich and Mary Van Wickel. Circa 1817 Richard and Mary had relocated to Otisco from Newtown, Queens County, New York.<sup>3,4</sup>

On 13 July 1841 Mary Van Wickel Leverich, widow of Richard Berrian Leverich who died in 1828, was granted guardianship of her three minor children James S., Edward, and William in the Onondaga County, New York Probate Court.<sup>5</sup>



**Onondaga Co NY Townships**  
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Towns\\_in\\_Onondaga\\_County,\\_New\\_York.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Towns_in_Onondaga_County,_New_York.svg)

On 28 September 1847 a "James A. Leverich", age 19, enlisted as a volunteer in the U.S. Army in the 12th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. This enlistment took place during the Mexican War which resulted in Texas becoming part of the United States. His birthplace was identified as Newtown, Queens County, New York. James was identified as a sail maker, and was discharged on 1 July 1848 at New Orleans, Louisiana. This James may have been James S. Leverich of Onondaga County, New York. His birth year and place, and his association with Newtown are consistent with James S. Leverich. The middle initial of "A" in the enlistment register might have been an "S". No other James Leverich born circa 1828 has been identified.<sup>6</sup>

James Leverich is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Clinton Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. James is identified as a farmer, age 21, single, born in New York and was living in the household of Hiram Case, as was his brother William Leverich, age 25, also identified as a farmer. Brother Jesse Leverich age 32 was also recorded in Rock County, residing in Turtle Township.<sup>7</sup>

In 1856 George Broggin executed a lease to the company of McIntyre and Leverich in Port Hope, Durham County, Province of Ontario, Canada. The lease includes references to John McIntyre and James S. Leverich.<sup>8</sup>

The 1856-1857 City Directory of Port Hope, Durham County, Ontario lists a James Leverich boarding at Elgin Street and an N.W. (Nathan Woodhull) Leverich making his home at Elgin Street. James and N. W. were brothers. There is also a listing for the company of Haggart (James, residing John Street) and Leverich, Chemist and Druggists at Walton Street.<sup>9</sup>

The 1857-1858 City Directory of Port Hope, Ontario lists a James S. Leverich, groceries and liquors at Walton Street, and N. W. Leverich a contractor, Elgin Street.<sup>10</sup>

James S. Leverich was married to Adelia A. Clark on 26 October 1859 at Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, by the Rev. Dr. Jay Spicer Backus, a Baptist minister. Adelia was born 15 December 1839 in Syracuse, the daughter of Elijah Clark and Elizabeth Bell. James and Adelia had no known children, as per the Ontario Census records for 1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891 as discussed below.<sup>11,12,13</sup>

James Leverich is listed in the 1861 Canada Census of Port Hope, Durham County, Ontario with his wife Delia. James is recorded as age 31, born in the U.S. and Delia is recorded as age 21, born in the U.S. A specific occupation is not given for James. Both James and Delia are identified as practicing the Baptist faith. Their household also includes Alice Doyle, a 30 year old servant born in Ireland.<sup>14</sup>

The 133 acre Leverich farm located in Angelo, Monroe County, Wisconsin was settled by Hamilton and Elizabeth Smith of New York State on a government grant. It was deeded to James S. Leverich on 14 December 1864, then to brother, Edward Leverich, in 1865.<sup>15</sup>

John Devoe of Manhattan, New York County, New York was the son of Sarah Leverich <6-64> and Frederick Devoe. John died in 1866. On 23 July 1866 the Albany (NY) Evening Journal published a notice to heirs of a forthcoming probate hearing regarding the estate of John Devoe. One of the heirs listed was "James Leverich, residing at La Crosse Wisconsin."<sup>16</sup>

James Leverich is listed in the 1871 Canada Census of Port Hope, Durham East District, Ontario Province. James is recorded as age 41, born in the U.S., a laborer, professing no religion. His wife Delia is recorded as age 30, born U.S., professing the Baptist religion.<sup>17</sup>

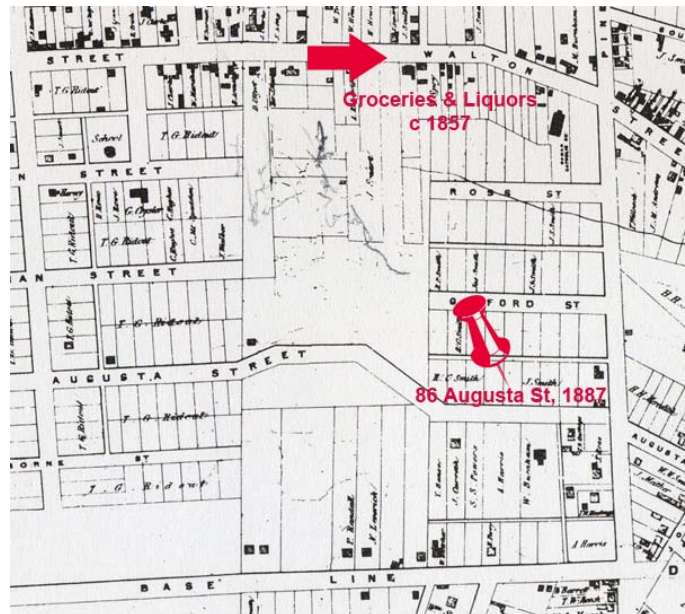


**1850 Tallis Map of West Canada or Ontario, at Wikipedia Commons**

On 19 December 1879 James S. Leverich, a lumber merchant of Port Hope, Durham East District, Ontario made a will. The will made his wife Delia Ann his sole heir and executor of his estate.<sup>18</sup>



James S. Leverich is listed in the 1881 Canada Census of Port Hope, Durham East District, Province of Ontario. James is identified as age 52, born in the U.S., a lumber merchant, professing the Presbyterian faith. His wife Delia A. Leverich is identified as age 42, born in the U.S., professing the Presbyterian faith.<sup>19</sup>



**James S. Leverich, Port Hope, Ontario, Canada  
Wall & Forrest Map 1853: Port Hope Historical Society**

A two story Victorian style residence was built circa 1877 in Port Hope, Durham East District, Province of Ontario. The house was located at 86 Augusta Street, lots 473-474 south of Gifford St, lots 465-466 north of Augusta Street. The property and house was originally owned by various members of the Smith family. The house at 86 Augusta Street was purchased by James S. Leverich in 1887. James' widow Delia resided in the house from 1892 to 1919 when Delia passed away. The house remains standing today much as it looked when it was originally built.<sup>20,21</sup>



A 1933 newspaper article describes "Great Activity at Local Port". "Jim Leverich" is mentioned as among several owners of various ships operating on Lake Ontario out of Port Hope, associated with lumber and barley businesses.<sup>22</sup>

James Leverich is listed in the 1891 Canada Census of Port Hope, Durham East District, Province of Ontario. James is identified as age 62, born in the U.S., a lumber merchant. His wife Delia is identified as age 53 born U.S.<sup>23</sup>

James S. Leverich died on 10 October 1892 at Port Hope, Durham County, Ontario, at age 64. James was identified as a lumber merchant, who died of syncope (i.e. low blood pressure) and had been ailing for 24 hours. His religion was identified as Presbyterian. James was buried at St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery in Port Hope, the funeral being conducted from his residence on Augusta Street.<sup>24,25,26</sup>

The will of James S. Leverich was probated in Surrogate Court of the United Counties of Durham and Northumberland in Ontario, Canada on 28 October 1892.<sup>27</sup>

Delia A. Leverich, widow of James S. Leverich, filed an action in the Onondaga County, New York Supreme Court for recognition of James' will which had been probated in Canada 28 October 1892. A decision was rendered by the Supreme Court on 14 April 1894. This action identified the following heirs of James S. Leverich: brother William Leverich; brother Jesse Leverich; sister Marian Adams who died in Stockton, California 9 March 1893 and her children William H. Adams, Emma J. Ryan (wife of Frank J. Ryan), and Mary E. Fennell; also Marian's granddaughter Mary McGillen; sister Elizabeth Snyder; nephew and niece, children of deceased brother Richard B. Leverich (aka Berrian Leverich) Moses E. Schenck and Phoebe B. Brown; nephew and niece, children of deceased brother Edward Leverich, James W. Leverich and Martha Mallard; children and widow of William T. Leverich, son of deceased brother David V. Leverich, Ida B. Leverich, Mary E. Leverich, and widow Mary C. Leverich. This action resulted in granting title to Delia A. Leverich to several properties in Onondaga County, New York which had been owned by her deceased husband James S. Leverich, including eight acres in Geddes township bounded by and being part of Lot 164.<sup>28,29</sup>

Delia Ann Leverich, widow of James S. Leverich, died 8 October 1919 in Port Hope, Durham County, Province of Ontario, at the age of 83. The immediate cause of death was myocarditis. Delia's funeral was conducted from her residence at Augusta Street, and she was buried at Saint John's Anglican Church Cemetery in Port Hope. A subsequent notice in the Port Hope Evening Guide noted that Delia left an estate of \$76,639.34.<sup>30,31,32</sup>

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