

**Individual Narrative of Augustus⁸ Alexander Leverich [261]
Son of James⁷ Leverich [131] and Mary Moore Cameron
Husband of Ph(o)ebe Eliza Brown**

Augustus Alexander Leverich was born on 25 October 1830 at Augusta, Richmond, Georgia.^{1,2,3}

Augustus A. Leverich, age 14 (was actually age 20) is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household he was living in included his mother Mary M. Leverich, age 51, and his brothers William (age not legible) and Oliver (James O. W.), age 16. The census record also mentions his maternal uncles T. A. and Wm. H. Cameron, ages 69 and 66 respectively.⁴

Augustus A. Leverich was a client of the Emigrant Savings Bank in Manhattan, New York Co, New York as early as 4 April 1853.⁵

Augustus A. Leverich married Ph(o)ebe Eliza Brown on 4 July 1854 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York.^{6,7}

Phebe E. Brown was born 10 December 1833 in Providence, Rhode Island. Her parents have not been identified.^{8,9,10}

Augustus A. Leverich is listed in the 1855 New York City Directory living at 91 West 20th Street.¹¹

On 3 February 1855 the Rockland County NY Journal reported that on Monday last, two intelligent young Germans, named Augustus A. and James O. Leverich, appeared before Justice Brennan and preferred a charge against Frank Roller and Nicholas Windler who are charged with swindling complainants out \$1,000. They were purchasing the stock and fixtures of a grocery store located at the corner of Third Avenue and Eighteenth Street. The stock included multiple bottles of wine and brandy which were characterized by the sellers as "premium", when in fact the bottles were filled with colored water.¹²

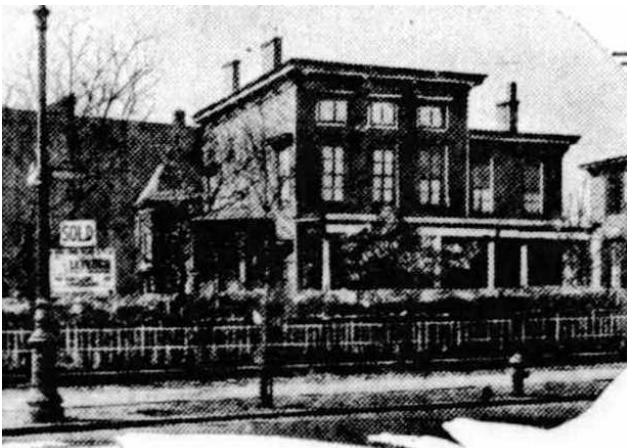
Augustus A. Leverich, age 29, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Ward 18, District 2, Kings County, New York. Augustus is head of household, which included his wife Phebe, age 26, and his daughter Mary, age 5. No occupation is given for Augustus.¹³

In June 1863 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, Augustus A. Leverich registered for the civil war draft. He was never called up to serve. Registration took place in Ward 18, District 2.¹⁴

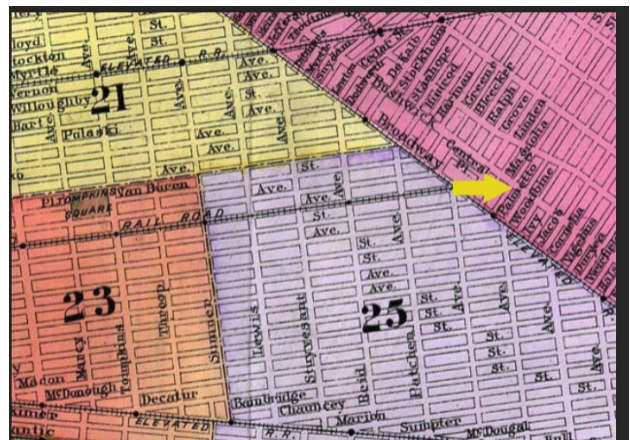
Augustus A. Leverich is recorded in the 1865 New York State Census in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. In addition to Augustus, age 35, as head of household, the household included his wife Phebe, age 26; his daughter Mary, age 9; and his son William, age 2. The household also included two female servants.¹⁵

Augustus A. Leverich was listed in the 1869 Brooklyn City Directory living at Bushwick Avenue corner of Magnolia. Augustus had a large family home built on the property.¹⁶

Leverich Family Homestead (picture 1924): Bushwick Avenue corner of Magnolia



(John Bartlet Family Tree at Ancestry.com)



(1890 Map from Historic Map Works.com)

On 28 August 1872, Phebe (age 56) and Mary Leverich (age 17) returned to New York from a trip to Europe, aboard the Ship China.¹⁷

Augustus A. Leverich, age 44, is recorded in the 1875 New York State Census of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York as head of household, no occupation given. The household included his wife Phebe, age 40; his daughter Mary, age 19, and her husband Franklin Sniffen; Augustus' son William, age 11; and his son Augustus, age 1 3/4; a nurse and a servant.¹⁸

Augustus A. Leverich is listed in the 1878 Brooklyn City Directory living at 852 Bushwick Avenue.¹⁹

Augustus A. Leverich, age 49, retired merchant, is recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census living at 852 Bushwick Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. His household included his wife Phebe, age 45; his son William H. C., age 16; and his son Augustus Leverich Jr., age 6.²⁰

The 24 March 1880 edition of the Jacksonville (FL) Agriculturist reported that "A. A. Leverich Esq. of Brooklyn, NY has purchased the orange grove of Mr. Harrison Jones, near Beresford (Deland) for \$10,000 cash. There are 1000 bearing trees and several hundred just about to bear, and 130 acres of the best variety of pine land. Mr. Leverich has got a desirable place that will soon be worth three times the price." It is assumed that there was a house on the property, although Augustus could have had a house built. In any case, he and his family now had a second home with a better climate than that of their native home in New York.²¹

Augustus A. Leverich died on 8 January 1885 at Deland, Volusia, Florida, at age 54.^{22,23}

Augustus A. Leverich made a will dated 5 February 1873 with a codicil dated 29 December 1879 which was proven in 1885 at the Kings County, New York Surrogate's Office. The will mentions his widow Phebe E. Leverich and his children Mary Augusta, wife of Franklin C. Sniffen; William H. C. Leverich; and Augustus A. Leverich.²⁴

Phebe E. Leverich, widow of Augustus A. Leverich, was named administrator of his estate in Florida in a probate proceeding 28 April 1885 at the Volusia County, Florida probate office.²⁵

Phebe E. Leverich, widow of Augustus A. Leverich, is listed in the 1889 Brooklyn City Directory living at 1044 Bushwick Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.²⁶

Phebe Leverich, age 66, was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of Brooklyn Ward 28, Kings County, New York. Living with her was her daughter Mary A. Sniffen, age 44, and her grandchildren Franklin C. Jr, age 24; Walter M., age 21; and Culver S., age 17; also there were two servants were included in the household.²⁷

Phebe E. Leverich died 25 July 1901 at her residence 1044 Bushwick Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Her obituary mentions her plantation in Florida. Two sons and a daughter survived her. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{28,29,30}



Augustus A. Leverich and Phebe E. Brown had seven children, three of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Mary Augusta Leverich was born 30 June 1855 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Mary married first Franklin C. Sniffen 4 May 1875 in Brooklyn. They were divorced. She married second John Henry Nienstadt 8 October 1900 in Brooklyn. Mary died 14 October 1924 at Brooklyn. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Mary was recorded in the 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 U.S. Census' of Brooklyn.^{31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39}
- ii. Florence Cameron Leverich was born 17 May 1857 and died as an infant at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York age 4 months and 15 days. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{40,41}
- iii. Eva Louise was born 30 October 1860 and died as a child 29 March 1862 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York age 1 year, 5 months, and 18 days. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{42,43}
- iv. William Henry Cameron Leverich was born 9 August 1863 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. William married first Rosalie A. Stoops 29 November 1883 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. They were divorced 26 April 1892 at White Plains, Westchester Co, New York. William married second Sarah Jane Wear 6 July 1893 at Jersey City, Hudson Co, New Jersey. They were divorced 9 March 1921 in Brooklyn. William married third Maye Martell Siedentopf between 1921 and 1929 when their son William was born. William died 11 April 1935 in Miami, Dade Co, Florida. He was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. William is recorded in the 1910, 1920, U.S. Census' of Brooklyn, and in 1930 Miami, Florida.^{44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53}
- v. Phoebe Eliza Leverich was born prematurely on 4 December 1865 and died in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York after three hours on the same day. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.⁵⁴
- vi. Ada Gertrude Leverich was born 16 October 1868 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. She died as an infant 4 March 1869 at Brooklyn. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{55,56,57}
- vii. Augustus Alexander Leverich, Jr. was born 30 August 1873 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Augustus married Maude Eloise Taylor 7 October 1896 in Brooklyn. Augustus died by suicide 22 December 1928. Augustus was apparently despondent over the financial failure of the family investment the Leverich Towers Hotel in Brooklyn. Augustus had been heard to have stated "I'd rather die than live to see my friends lose money in this enterprise". Augustus was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. He was recorded in the 1900, 1910, and 1920 U.S. Census' of Brooklyn.^{58,59,60,61,62,63}

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