

## **Individual Narrative of James<sup>8</sup> Henry Leverich [307] Son of Charles<sup>7</sup> Palmer Leverich [142] and Matilda Duncan Gustine Husband of Mary Eleanor Wilmot**

James Henry Leverich was born on 17 September 1849 at Newtown, Queens County, New York.<sup>1</sup> James was baptized 16 June 1850 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>2</sup>

James H. Leverich, age 13, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. His household included his parents Charles P. and Matilda Leverich, ages 49 and 43 respectively; also his siblings Charles D., age 19; Stephen, age 15; and Matilda, age 9.<sup>3</sup>

In 1868 James Henry Leverich was accused of defaulting upon the City Bank, by which he was employed as a second teller, to the extent of \$400,000. James utilized the funds to live an extravagant lifestyle with an apparent girlfriend he identified as a wife, and/or to pay off debt incurred via stock market speculation. James was only 19 years old at the time. He apparently spent some time in Detroit where he purchased an expensive house, before returning to New York where he was arrested. No account of a trial or conviction has been found however. It is not known how James resolved this situation. It might be assumed that he sold off assets and/or received assistance from his father who was president of the Bank of New York. At any rate, James resumed a normal lifestyle in a relatively short period of time with no apparent consequences for his actions.<sup>4</sup>

On 22 September 1869 James Henry Leverich arrived at the Port of New York via the Ship Scotis from Liverpool, England and Queenstown, Ireland.<sup>5</sup>

James H. Leverich, no age reported, "clerk in com. store" was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The household included his parents Chas P. and Matilda D., ages 60 and 50 respectively; also siblings Charles D., age 30; Fanny, age 21; Duncan, age 24 and his wife Mary, age 23; and Matilda, age 18.<sup>6</sup>

James Henry Leverich married Mary Eleanor Wilmot on 9 November 1876 at Brooklyn, Kings, New York.<sup>7,8</sup> They were married by Rev. W. E. Snively in Grace Church in Brooklyn.<sup>9</sup>

Mary E. Wilmot Leverich was born 2 August 1856 in New York or Ontario. She was the daughter of John Wilmot and Harriet Bright, both of whom were born in Ontario.<sup>10,11</sup>

James H. Leverich, age 31, stock broker, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York living at 262 5th Avenue. His household included his wife Mary E., age 24, and his daughter Harriet W., age six months.<sup>12</sup>

By this time, James was a member of the New York Stock Exchange and had joined the firm Leverich and Co, which had as co-partners his elder two brothers Charles D. Leverich and Stephen D. Leverich. He was also a member of the St. Nicholas Club of New York and the Coney Island Jockey Club.<sup>13,14</sup>

James Henry Leverich died on 17 July 1888 at Kidders, Seneca County, New York, at age 38.<sup>15,16</sup> At the time of his death, James had been living at his mother's residence at Kidder's Ferry on Cayuga Lake, New York. He was initially buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church cemetery. After his wife died in 1915, he was reinterred with her at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx, Bronx County, New York.<sup>17</sup>

In 1889 Mary E. Leverich, widow of James H. Leverich, sued to compel her brother-in-law Charles D. Leverich to render an accounting to her of her husband's securities. Mary asserts that her husband died worth at least \$250,000, and that his brother Charles had taken the assets of the firm Leverich and Co into his own possession, organized a new firm, and now insisted that all the assets he took were worthless and that the brother's estate had no money in the partnership. A decision in the suit has not been found.<sup>18</sup>

Mary E. Leverich was listed in the 1892 New York City Directory, widow of James H. Leverich, living at 205 West End Avenue.<sup>19</sup>

In 1907 Mary E. Leverich accompanied her daughter Harriet W. Leverich to Westminster, London, England to attend Harriet's wedding.<sup>20</sup>

Mary E. Wilmot Leverich died 24 May 1915 at the home of her daughter Harriet W. (Mrs. Ralph E. Platt) in Keswick, Albemarle County, Virginia. She was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, Bronx County, New York.<sup>21</sup>

James Henry Leverich and Mary Eleanor Wilmot had three children, one of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>22,23</sup>

- i. Eleanor Leverich was born circa 1876 (parents married November 1876) and died before 1880 (not listed in 1880 U.S. Census) as an infant or child in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York or Manhattan, New York County, New York. The only documentation supporting the existence of this child is the Ancestry.com profile "Bartlett and Leverich Genealogy" owned by John Bartlett or "Hope" owned by Sharon K. Tuggle.<sup>24,25</sup>
- ii. Maude Eloise Leverich was born 28 August 1877 and died 8 October 1877 age 1 month 11 days, in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn. The death certificate identifies her father as J. H. Leverich.<sup>26,27,28</sup>
- iii. Harriet Wilmot Leverich was born 12 December 1879 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Harriet married Royal Artillery Officer Ralph Ernest Platt 6 November 1907 in Westminster, London, England. Harriet died 28 January 1959 in Newton Abbot, Devonshire, England. Harriet was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of New York County, New York and the 1911 England Census of Surrey County, England.<sup>29,30,31,32,33,34</sup>

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## Endnotes

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