

**Individual Narrative of Abigail⁸ A. L. Lamson [396]
Daughter of Sarah⁷ Leveridge [205] and Joseph Moulton Lamson
Wife of Robert Diddell
Wife of Wilson Small**

Abigail Ann Leveridge Lamson was born 18 July 1830 in Manhattan, New York County, New York.^{1,2,3}

Abigail A. L. Lamson married Robert Diddell 5 October 1845 in Manhattan, New York County, New York at the Seventh Presbyterian Church. Robert Diddell was born circa 1823 in England. His parents may have been Robert and Elizabeth Diddell. Abigail and Robert had a son Robert Diddell, Jr. born circa 1847-1848. They were separated or divorced before 1850.^{4,5,6}

Robert Diddell was listed in the 1847 New York City Directory a hairdresser at 142 Broadway, living at 249 Greenwich. Robert was also listed in the 1850 New York City Directory a barber at 5 Cortlandt, living at 127 Greenwich. A Robert Diddell in Manhattan, New York County, New York is not found in the 1850 U.S. Census.

Abigail A. "Lamson", age 20, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 13, New York County, New York. Abigail Lamson, not Diddell, was living with her mother Sarah Lamson and Abigail's Siblings John W., age 18, and Mary J., age 15. There is no son Robert Diddell Jr. recorded in Abigail's household. It is not known where Robert Jr. was living, since he was not found in his father's household either in 1850. It is possible that Robert Jr. was living with his father, but that the census enumerator neglected to record him.^{7,8}

Robert Diddell, age 26, was recorded in the 1850 U. S. Census of Syracuse Ward 4, Onondaga County, New York. Robert was living with his parents and various siblings. The household does not include Robert's son Robert Jr., age 2 in 1850.⁹

Abigail "Diddell", age 30, is living with her mother Sarah Lamson, age 64, in the 1860 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 13 District 4, New York County, New York. Abigail uses the "Diddell" surname, a switch from the use of "Lamson" surname in the 1850 U. S. Census.¹⁰

Robert Diddell was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. Robert was a barber, age 37, born in England. Robert's household included an Augusta Diddell, age 27; and a Robert Diddell, age 12, who was likely Robert Sr.'s son with Abigail Samson.¹¹

Robert Diddell was listed in the 1862-1863 Syracuse New York City Directory 15 City Hall Place opposite City Hall. Robert was also listed in the 1864-1865 Syracuse City Directory Court House Hotel, home 3 West Genesee.^{12,13}

Robert Diddell died 30 November 1865 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Robert was living at 114 McDougal Street when he died. Robert was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Robert's estate was administered by his second wife Augusta M. Diddell.^{14,15}

On 20 July 1868 "Mrs. Abby Ann Diddell" married Wilson Small at the All Saints Church (where Wilson was senior warden) in Manhattan, New York County, New York. It was Abigail's second marriage and Wilson's third marriage.¹⁶

Abby L. Small, age 40, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Manhattan Ward 7 District 7, New York County, New York. Abigail's household included her husband Wilson Small, age 65; her son Robert Small, age 23; and her mother Sarah Lamson, age 77. Robert Small was born Robert Diddell but was given his step father's surname in this census record.¹⁷

Abbe A. L. Small, age 48, was recorded in the 1880 U. S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York, living at 266 Henry Street. Abigail's household included her husband Wilson Small, age 69, and her mother Sarah Lamson, age 84. Her son Robert had married in 1870 under the name Robert Edwin Diddell and was no longer part of Abigail's household.^{18,19}

Robert A. Diddell, age 32 Broker, was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York living at 67 Hewes. Robert's household included his wife Emma, age 31, and children: Ida, age 8; Robert A., age 6; and Albert, age 3. Also included were Robert's mother-in-law Sarah Mitchell, two brothers-in-law (Frank and Hiram Mitchell), and two sisters-in-law (Clara and Isabel Mitchell).²⁰

Wilson Small, Clerk Supreme Court, died 21 October 1886, in Manhattan, New York County, New York. He was buried at the Wooster Cemetery in Danbury, Connecticut.^{21,22}

Abigail Small was listed in the 1888 New York City Directory, widow Wilson Small, living at 266 Henry Street.²³

Abbie A. L. Small, age 60, was recorded in the 1892 New York State Census of Brooklyn Ward 19, Kings County, New York. Abbie was living alone.²⁴

Abby A. L. Small, age 69, was recorded in the 1900 U. S. Census of Brooklyn Ward 19, Kings County, New York. Her household included her son Robert Small, age 49, who once again takes his step-father's surname in the census record. What happened to the wife and children from the 1880 census is unknown.²⁵

Abigail A. L. (Lamson) Diddell Small died 23 May 1904 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Abigail was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Kings County, New York. Her son Robert Diddell Jr. was also buried in the same grave plot.^{26,27,28}

Abigail Ann Leveridge Lamson and Wilson Small had no children.

Abigail Ann Leveridge Lamson and Robert Diddell had one child, a son.

Robert Diddell Jr was born circa 1848 in New York State, probably Manhattan, New York County. Robert Edwin Diddell married Mary Emma Mitchell 19 October 1870 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Robert Diddell, insurance agent, died 7 March 1905 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Robert was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, in the same grave plot as his mother Abigail Lamson. Robert was recorded in the 1860 U. S. Census of Onondaga County, New York; 1870 New York County, New York; 1880 and 1900 Kings County, New York; 1892 New York State Census Kings County, New York. Robert is referred to as Robert E., marriage record and 1900 Census; Robert A. in the 1880 Census; otherwise simply Robert.^{29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36}

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