## Individual Narrative of James<sup>7</sup> Leverich [131] Son of Jesse<sup>6</sup> Leverich [57]

James Leverich<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> was born on 4 Mar 1802 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the son of Jesse Leverich and Gashe Berrian.<sup>6,7</sup> James Leverich was baptized in December 1803 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>8</sup>

James Leverich married Mary Moore Cameron, daughter of Alexander Cameron and Abigail Berrian, on 7 May 1824 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.<sup>9,10,11</sup>

Mary M. Cameron was born 23 February 1794 in New York City. Alexander Cameron married Abigail Berrien 18 October 1780. Alexander and Abigail had a son William Henry Cameron who was born 15 April 1784 and baptized 19 April 1784 at the First and Second Presbyterian Church of New York. Mary Leverich was the sister of William H. Cameron according to the 1855 New York State Census. Mary M. Leverich was the administrator of the estate of William H. Cameron in 1856.<sup>12,13,14,15,16,17,18</sup>

James and Mary would appear to have lived in Queens County immediately after their marriage, in the period 1824-1829. According to the 1855 New York State Census, their first two children were born in Queens County c 1827 and 1829.<sup>19</sup>

Jesse Leverich, father of James, made a will dated 11 September 1828. The will directed that subsequent to his wife's death, a sum of \$2500 be equally divided among his children, except that James was to have \$500 less. The will does not give a reason for this provision, but it may have been a loan to James to facilitate the establishment of a business.<sup>20</sup>

By August of 1828, James Leverich had established a drug store business in Augusta, Richmond Co, Georgia. On 9 August 1828, James published the following notice in the *Augusta Chronicle*. "NEW-YORK MIRROR. The subscriber having been appointed by the proprietor Agent for the above-mentioned valuable literary Work, will receive subscriptions at his Store, No. 161, Broad-street, 2 doors below the City Hotel. The 6th volume commenced on the 12th July, from which time subscribers can be supplied *Terms*: Four Dollars, payable in advance. A specimen of the work can be seen at the *Chronicle & Advertiser* Office, or at the Store of the Subscriber. JAMES LEVERICH". What circumstances drew James to Augusta, Georgia is unknown. It would appear that Mary, James' wife, remained in Queens County, New York until after the birth of their second child in 1829.<sup>21,22</sup>

The Augusta (Georgia) Courier of September 24th,1829 gives the following account of another distressing fire by which that city had been afflicted. "We have again to record an extensive destruction of property in our recently unfortunate city. About 20 minutes after 3 o'clock this morning, our citizens were aroused by the appalling cry of fire! It was discovered to be the double tenement building on Broad street, immediately above the City Hotel ... all attempts to suppress the flames were discovered to be in vain, and the fate of the adjoining businesses was certain." Among those persons whose property was burned was James Leverich, druggist.<sup>23</sup>

James was able to rebuild, and his wife Mary had removed to Augusta by 1830; according to the census tallies for the 1830 U.S. Census, and the fact that their third child was born in Georgia.<sup>24,25,26</sup>

James Leverich is listed as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of Augusta, Richmond Co, Georgia. The census tallies include 2 free white males under age 5 (sons William H. and James O.W.); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 20 to 29 (James); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (wife Mary M., actually age 36); 3 slaves. The age tally for Mary is also inconsistent in 1840, but correct in 1850.<sup>27</sup>

James Leverich placed the following advertisement in the *Edgefield (SC) Advertiser* on 23 November 1837. "To The Public. The Subscriber having purchased the Drug and Medicine Store of Dr. James Toole, as above has added largely to the Stock in all its branches, and will be receiving almost daily through the season, fresh supplies. He will warrant every article which he offers for sale, to be of the quality represented, and is fully convinced that he can furnish those who may favor him with their orders, on better terms than any establishment in the city ... He still continues his old stand in Augusta, No. 161, Broad street, two doors below the Phoenix Hotel, where, or at his establishment in Hamburg, he will be happy to receive orders for anything in his line. JAMES LEVERICH.<sup>28</sup>"

This advertisement was accompanied by the following related item: "NOTICE. Having sold my Drug and Medicine Store in Hamburg, S.C. to Mr. Jas. Leverich, I solicit the patronage of my old customers, in favor of the New Establishment. I can recommend them to call with the confidant belief that they will receive entire satisfaction in all their dealings; and the known experience of Mr. L. will warrant them from any imposition in the quality of the articles he offers for sale. J. TOOLE.<sup>29</sup>"







James Leverich died on 25 Aug 1839 at Augusta, Richmond, Georgia, at age 37. James was a victim of the Yellow Fever epidemic that struck Augusta in that year. James was buried in the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta.<sup>30,31,32,33</sup>

On 26 August 1839, temporary letters of administration were granted on the estate of James Leverich to William Thompson. On 9 September 1839, temporary letters of administration were granted on the estate of James Leverich to John Morrison and Mary M. Leverich.<sup>34</sup>

On Monday 17 August 1840, the following notice was published in the *Augusta Chronicle*. "NOTICE. The subscribers now offer at private sale, all the Stock of Drugs, Furniture, Fixtures, etc. belonging to the Estate of the Late James Leverich, deceased. Any person wishing to commence the Drug business, may now have a favorable opportunity, as the Stock will be disposed of on very reasonable terms. P. H. MANTZ, J. A. CAMERON, Administrators, July 17, 1840.<sup>35</sup>"

Mrs. M. M. Leverich is listed as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Augusta, Richmond Co, Georgia. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son James O.W.); 2 free white males age 10 to 14 (sons William H. and Augustus); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (widow Mary, actually age 46). There is no tally corresponding to son John A. Cameron Leverich, nor any tallies recording slaves.<sup>36</sup> The 1841 Augusta, Georgia City Directory lists Mrs. Mary Leverich, living at the rear of the corner of Broad and Houston.<sup>37</sup>



James Leverich Drug Store, 1837, Broad Street and Second St <Clarence E. Clark Map 1900, Georgia Archives> 1841 Augusta City Directory: Mary M. Leverich rear corner of Broad and Houston <cannot locate Houston in 1900>

The following notice was published in the Augusta Chronicle on 29 April 1847: "City Sheriff's Sale. -- Will be sold on the first Tuesday in May next, at the lower market house, in the city of Augusta, within the legal hours of sale, two negro women: Sally Bugg, about thirty-five years of age; and Jinny, about fifty-five years old: levied on as the property of James Leverich, deceased, to satisfy a fi. fa. issuing from the Court of Common Pleas in and for said city; William H. Cameron vs. Phillip H. Mantz and John A. Cameron, administrators of James Leverich, deceased. Terms cash, the purchasers to pay for titles. A. C. COLDWELL, Sherriff City of Augusta, April 3 1847.<sup>38</sup>"

By 1850, Mary M. Leverich had relocated to New York City. "Mary Leveridge" age 51, born New York, is recorded as the head of household in the 1850 U.S. Census Ward 8, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Also included in the household are William Leveridge, son age 26, born New York; Oliver Leveridge, son age 16, born New York; A. Leveridge, son age 14 (actually age 20, born Georgia); J. A. Cameron, age 69 (brother); and William H. Cameron, age 66 (brother); and eight apparently unrelated individuals.<sup>39</sup>

On 4 July 1853, the Augusta City Probate Court granted permanent letters of administration on the estate of James Leverich to John K. Jackson.<sup>40</sup>

The 1855 New York State Census, Ward 8, Manhattan, New York County, New York records Mary Leverich, age 60, born in New York County, sister living in the household of William H. Cameron, age 71. Mary is annotated as a widow. Also included in the household are William H. Leverich, age 28, born New York, Druggist; and James O. W. Leverich, age 25, born New York, Book Keeper. Both William H. Leverich and James O. W. Leverich are listed as living in New York City for nine years, which would place their relocation from Georgia to New York about the year 1846.<sup>41</sup>

The 1855 New York City Directory lists Mary M. Leverich, widow James, living at 91 West 20th St. Also listed at that address is Augustus A. Leverich, son of Mary.<sup>42</sup>

Mary M. Leverich is not found recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census in New York State.<sup>43</sup> The New York City Directory for 1860 lists Mary Leverich, widow James, living at 96 West 27th Street. Also listed at this same address is James Leverich and William H. Leverich, no occupation listed for either.<sup>44</sup> The New York City Directory for 1865 lists Mary M. Leverich, widow James, living at 96 West 27th Street.<sup>45</sup>



## 1860-1865 Mary M. Leverich, widow of James Leverich 96 West 27th Street at 6th Avenue <Egbert Viele's Map of Manhattan 1865>

Mary M. Leverich died in Manhattan, New York Co, New York on 9 July 1866, age 72 (hence born c 1794). Mary was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.<sup>46,47,48,49</sup>

Mary M. Leverich of New York made a will dated 30 January 1856. The will lists her heirs as William H. Leverich, James O. W. Leverich, and Augustus A. Leverich. Sons William H. Leverich and Augustus A. Leverich are named executors. The will was witnessed by Amherst Wright and Charles H. Groesback. The will was proved 16 July 1866 at the New York County Surrogate Court.<sup>50</sup>

James Leverich and Mary Moore Cameron had four children, three of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>51</sup>

- i. John A. Cameron Leverich probably died as an infant. It is estimated that John was born either about 1825 or about 1831-1835. John is named as one of four sons in Henry Isham Hazelton's *The Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens Counties of Nassau and Suffolk, Long Island, New York 1609-1924.* No other reference to John A. Cameron Leverich has been found..<sup>52,53,54</sup>
- William Henry Cameron Leverich was born about 1827, in Queens County, New York. William married Kate A.
  Ombony 27 December 1855 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. William died 9 August 1878 in Manhattan.
  William was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.
- iii. James O. W. Leverich was born 31 August 1829 in Queens Co, New York. James never married. James died 3 November 1860 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. James was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.<sup>64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71</sup>

iv. Augustus Alexander Leverich was born 25 October 1830 in Augusta, Richmond Co, Georgia. Augustus married Phoebe Eliza Brown 4 July 1854 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Augustus died 8 January 1885 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Augustus was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.<sup>72,73,74,75,76,77</sup>

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