

**Individual Narrative of Anna⁷ Palmer Leverich [135]
Daughter of Edward⁶ Leverich [60] and Elizabeth Palmer
Wife of William Luyster**

Anna Palmer Leverich¹ was born on 1 Mar 1793 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Edward Leverich Sr. and Elizabeth Palmer. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Anna's age at the time of her death.^{2,3} Anna P. Leverich was baptized 12 May 1793 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁴

Anna P. Leverich was married to William Luyster, son of Cornelius Luyster and Catherine Lawrence, on 2 Mar 1818 at Jamaica, Queens, New York. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry Weed of the Jamaica Presbyterian Church.^{5,6,7}

William Luyster was born 2 February 1788 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The birth date is a calculated date based upon William's age at the time of his death.⁸ William Luyster was baptized 9 March 1788 at the Newtown Dutch Reformed Church.⁹

Cornelius Luyster made a will dated 31 July 1811. He named his wife Catharine, and children William, Abraham, Anna, Sarah, and Jane. Catharine, William, and Abraham were named executors, and the will was proved 1 May 1816.¹⁰

The 1819 and 1820 New York City Directories include the following listings: William Luyster, 29 Ann; Abraham R. Luyster, rear 208 Pearl; William and Abraham R. Luyster, merchants, 208 Pearl.^{11,12}

William Luyster is listed as a head of family in the 1820 U.S. Census, Manhattan, Ward 2, New York County, New York, age 26 to 44 (actually age 32). The household also includes 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Anna P, actually age 27). The census tallies also include 1 free white male age 16 to 25 (born c 1795-1804); 1 free white female under age 10 (born c 1810-1820); 2 free white females age 10 to 15 (born c 1805-1810). The latter three individuals are not identified but were likely not the children of William and Anna, who were married in 1818.¹³

The 1821 New York City Directory includes the following listings: William Luyster, 29 Ann; Abraham R. Luyster, 29 Ann; William and Abraham R. Luyster, merchants, 208 Pearl.¹⁴

On 21 January 1822, the New York City Inspector's Office presented a list of properties for correction of nuisances as per city ordinances. The list included William Luyster, 29 Ann Street.¹⁵

The 1822 and 1823 New York City Directories include the following listings: William Luyster, 29 Ann; Abraham R. Luyster, Mercer near Canal; William and Abraham R. Luyster, merchants, 208 Pearl.^{16,17}

The following notice appeared in the New York Evening Post on 25 July 1823. COPARTNERSHIP. Thomas Lawrence, William Luyster, and Abrm. R. Luyster, having formed a connection in the Auction and Commission Business, under the firm of Lawrence & Luysters, and taken commodious fire proof store No. 192 Pearl Street, solicit the patronage of their friends and the public.¹⁸

The 1824 and 1825 New York City Directories include the following listings: William Luyster, 29 Ann; Abraham R. Luyster, 19 Mercer; William and Abraham R. Luyster, merchants, 192 Pearl.^{19,20}

On 1 February 1826, in consideration of \$5,500, William Luyster, merchant of New York City, purchased from Robert Macclean, minister of New York City, property at 460 Broom St, the north side of the street, lot size 25 feet by 100 feet. The deed was recorded the same day 1 February 1826.²¹

The 1826 and 1827 New York City Directories include the following listings: William Luyster, 460 Bloom; Abraham R. Luyster, 19 Mercer; William and Abraham R. Luyster, auctioneers, 192 Pearl.^{22,23}

On 2 January 1827, William Luyster was sworn in as a Grand Juror for the Court of Sessions.²⁴

Anna P. Leverich Luyster died on 1 Sep 1827 at Manhattan, New York, New York, at age 34. Anna was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{25,26}

William Luyster was named one of the executors of the will of his uncle by marriage Jesse Leverich, which was prepared 11 September 1828. Jesse refers to William as his "friend". However, William died 15 days later, prior to Jesse's death in 1829.²⁷

As per the death notice published in the New York Evening Post, William Luyster, late of New York City, merchant, died at Newtown 27 September 1828, age 41. William was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{28,29,30}

The 1828 New York City Directory does not include a listing for William Luyster who had passed away. Listed however are Abraham R. Luyster, 190 Pearl, home 19 Mercer; Daniel Luyster, 227 Spring; Cornelius P. Luyster, 476 Grand.³¹

William Luyster did not leave a will. Letters of Administration on his estate were granted 20 October 1828 to William's brother Peter Luyster.³²

On 1 May 1829, Peter Luyster, administrator of the estate of his brother William Luyster, sold the property at 460 Broome St in Manhattan to John W. Weed of New York City, in consideration of \$7,000. The deed makes reference to an order by the Queens Co, New York Surrogate issued 9 January 1829 that all of William's real estate be sold, since his personal estate alone was insufficient to pay his outstanding debts. The deed further references that this course of action was to the benefit of William's heirs, but specific heirs are not identified. The deed further makes reference to the sale of the farm in Newtown to William's brother Abraham R. Luyster in consideration of \$8,000; also the sale of 2 houses and lots in Manhattan located at 240 and 242 Mercer Street, also to his brother Abraham, in consideration of \$4,350. The deed was witnessed by John L. Riker and William Henry Crosby, and recorded 10 June 1829.³³

It has not been determined if Anna Palmer Leverich and William Luyster had any children. No records have been located which specifically identify any children, however no specific assertion that they did not have children has been located either.³⁴

Jane Luyster was an unmarried sister of William Luyster. Jane died at Newtown 21 May 1861 and her will was proved 2 July 1861 at the Queens Co, New York Surrogate. Jane's will identified the following specific heirs: brother Peter of Queens Co and brother Abraham R. of Richmond Co; niece, daughter of deceased sister Anna Moore: Sarah Jane Moore of Newburgh, Orange Co, New York; nephews, sons of deceased sister Sarah Moore: Cornelius L. Moore of Newtown and David Moore of Newburgh; nieces Catharine L. Luyster and Cornelia L. Luyster, nieces of living brother Peter Luyster; Mary A. Moore, daughter of nephew Cornelius L. Moore. The will was witnessed by Samuel Riker and Silvanus S. Riker. Brothers Peter and Abraham Luyster were named executors. The will does not mention any nieces or nephews identified as the children of deceased brother William or living brother Abraham. This suggests that Anna and William Luyster may not have had any children.³⁵

If Anna P. Leverich and William Luyster did have children, they would have been born between 1819 and 1827 based upon their marriage date and Anna's death date. U.S. Census records disclose three individuals born in this period of time whose parents have not been identified. Any of these individuals could have been a child of Anna and William. Two of these individuals named a son "William".^{36,37,38,39}

Daniel Luyster was born about 1824 in New York State. Daniel married Mary A. (unidentified). Daniel and Mary are found in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York; as well as the 1855, 1865, and 1875 New York State Census of Brooklyn. Daniel and Mary had children Albert, Adelaide, **William (born c 1850)**, and Henry. Daniel died at Brooklyn 27 December 1883.^{40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47}

Theodore Luyster was born about 1827 in New York State. Theodore married Catharine (unidentified). Theodore is listed in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 13, New York County, New York; and the 1870 and 1880 U.S. Census of Jersey City, Hudson Co, New Jersey. Theodore died 13 August 1883 in Jersey City. Theodore and Catharine had children Theodore, **William (born c 1850)**, Bethnel/Bethiem (male), Mary, Ella, Kate, and Anna.^{48,49,50,51,52}

A "William Luyster" died 24 March 1839 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. The death record indicates that William was age 20 when he died, hence born c 1819. A newspaper death notice indicates that William was age 26 when he died, hence born c 1813, which would make him too old to be a son of Anna P. Leverich and William Luyster.^{53,54}

A "William Luyster" was born about 1824 in New York, the son of Abraham Rapelye Luyster, brother of William Luyster who married Anna P. Leverich. On 12 October 1850, William born in 1824, became a member of the Cotton Factorage and Commission business of Leverich and Co in New Orleans, Louisiana. Leverich and Company was founded by brothers of Anna P. Leverich, James H. and William E. Leverich. William Luyster, born 1824, is found in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. William died in New Orleans 1 July 1875.^{55,56,57,58,59,60}

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