

**Individual Narrative of Maria⁷ D. Devoe [169]
Daughter of Frederick Devoe and Sarah⁶ Leverich [63]
Wife of John Jay Cisco**

Maria D. Devoe was born on 15 Apr 1808 at Bushwick, Kings Co, New York, the daughter of Frederick Devoe and Sarah Leverich. Maria was likely baptized at the Bushwick Reformed Church in Kings Co, New York, as were several of her siblings. However, a baptismal record for Maria has not been found.^{1,2,3}

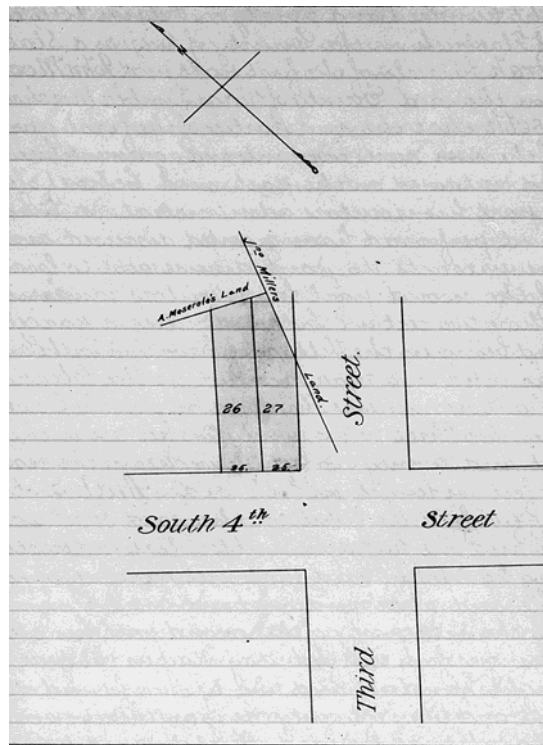
Maria Devoe married John Jay Cisco on 14 Apr 1827 at Williamsburgh, Kings Co, New York. John Cisco was a resident of New York City. They were married by the Rev. Mr. Meeker.⁴

Only five months later, Maria died of consumption on 13 Sep 1827 at Williamsburgh, Kings Co, New York, at age 19. Maria was buried at the Bushwick Reformed Church graveyard. On 7 April 1851, she was reinterred at the Evergreens Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{5,6}

John Jay Cisco was born 26 April 1806 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York, the son of Peter "Cisco" Sisco and Grace Oppie.^{7,8,9}

John J. Cisco married for the second time Mary Ann Crygier, daughter of the late John Crygier, on 18 September 1828 by the Rev. Dr. Kuypers in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Mary Ann died in 1867. John and Mary Ann had five children, one of whom died as an infant.^{10,11}

In the years 1828-1829 Frederick Devoe and his wife Sarah Leverich executed six deeds granting lands in his Williamsburgh estate to various of their surviving children, "in consideration of the love and affection which they have and bear toward the grantee, as well as the receipt of \$1.00." One of these deeds, dated 7 March 1829, granted land to their widowed son-in-law John J. Cisco. The deed was recorded 13 January 1830.¹²



**Deed, Kings Co, NY Liber 27, page 496
Frederick Devoo and Sarah his wife to John J. Cisco
Land at Williamsburg Village**

On 18 October 1833, Sarah Devoe, John Devoe, William L. Devoe (note that the "oe" spelling was used) and his wife Malvina sold land to John J. Cisco (widower of Sarah's daughter Maria) of Manhattan in consideration of \$500, lot 25 in Williamsburgh bordering lots already owned by John J. Cisco, fronting 25 feet on South 4th Street, west of Third Street. The deed was recorded on 29 October 1833.¹³

John Cisco was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census in Manhattan, Ward 15 Eastern Half, New York County, New York. John Cisco was also recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census, Manhattan Ward 18, District 3. The census records recorded John, John's second wife, and children Maria, Sarah, John, and Caroline.^{14,15}

John J. Cisco was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury by President Franklin Pierce in 1853, and served as sub-treasurer in New York City. He was retained in that position by Presidents Buchanan and Lincoln. In 1862, at Lincoln's urging, he became Treasurer of the Union Pacific Railroad. He resigned all of his government positions in 1864 and started his own banking house with his son, where he continued until his death.^{16,17}

William L. Devoo made a will dated 10 November 1856. William's heirs were his wife Malvina, his brother John, and no children. William left a large estate with substantial bequests to Malvina, John, and the American Bible Society. Melvina, John, and brother-in-law and friend John J. Cisco were name Executors. The will was witnessed by Samuel M. Meeker and David E. Meeker. The will was proved 9 July 1857.¹⁸

On 11 October 1868 the New York Herald published an accounting and status report of the legacy William L. Devoo had left from his estate to the American Bible Society. "Last week, Mr. Cisco (an executor) paid over to the American Bible Society the sum of \$151,000, as part of the avails of this legacy, and on the death of the widow of the testator, something more perhaps \$75,000, will be coming to the same institution."¹⁹

John J. Cisco married for the third time Eliza Porter, daughter of the later Louis H. Sanford. They were married by Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector of Trinity Parish in Manhattan, New York Co, New York at Trinity Chapel. They did not have any children.²⁰

John Jay Cisco died 23 March 1884 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. John was buried in the Cisco Family Vault at Trinity Church in Manhattan.^{21,22,23}



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