

Individual Narrative of Mary³ Leverich [6] Wife of Job Wright

Mary Leverich was born after 1665 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Mary was the daughter of Caleb Leverich and Martha Cornish who were married about 1665. In a 1711 deed at Newtown, Caleb and Martha refer to their "son-in-law" Job Wright and an earlier deed executed in 1706. In a 1723 deed at Newtown, "Job Wright, Mason, and his wife Mary" are grantors of land to William Leverich, carpenter.^{1,2,3,4,5} Mary Leverich married Job Wright before 3 Jul 1706 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. On 3 July 1706 at Newtown, Caleb and Martha Leverich sold land to Job Wright and Eleanor Leverich.^{3,2}

No direct evidence has yet been found to identify the parents of Job Wright. Indirect evidence suggests that Job was either the son of Adam Wright and Mary Dennis of Oyster Bay, or the son of Jonathan Wright and Sarah Saitley of Flushing, both towns located in Queens Co, New York.⁶

Adam Wright was the son of Peter and Alice Wright, original settlers of Oyster Bay, Queens Co, NY. Adam was born in 1650, and died at Oyster Bay between 1696 and 1698. He married Mary, daughter of George Dennis. They had children: Dennis, Adam Jr, George, Joseph, Peter, and **Job Wright**. The first five sons are documented in land records in the Oyster Bay Town Records, but Job is not. Job is listed as a son in Perrine's The Wright Family of Oyster Bay, but no source is cited. Perrine asks, but does not answer, the question if this Job Wright was the one that married Mary Leverich.^{6,7}

Jonathan Wright was the son of George and Elizabeth Wright. Jonathan was an early settler at Flushing, Queens Co, New York. Jonathan was married to Sarah Saitley. Jonathan's will, dated 5 November 1698, names children Mary Wright (married Josiah Furman), Maritiye Elizabeth Wright (married George Wood), John Wright, Charles Wright, **Job Wright**, Jonathan Wright, David Wright, Samuel Wright, Richard Wright, Henry Wright, George Wright, Sarah Wright, and Hannah Wright. The extended Wright Family is also recorded in the 1698 Census of Flushing, which was taken by Jonathan Wright and James Clement. Flushing was an adjacent town to Newtown, and George Wood and Josiah Furman both lived at Newtown. Therefore, it would not be unreasonable to believe that this Job Wright was the one who married Mary Leverich.^{8,9,10}

On 18 July 1709 Joseph Reeder, Blacksmith, and his wife Eleanor, sold land at Newtown to Job Wright, bricklayer. Eleanor Reeder was the sister of Mary Wright, wife of Job. It appears that Joseph and Eleanor were selling to Job and Mary their share of land sold to Job and Eleanor in 1706 by Caleb and Martha Leverich, parents of Mary and Eleanor.¹¹ On 16 September 1709 Job Wright and Caleb Leverich are included among the "freeholders and inhabitants of Newtown" signing a subscription list in support of Samuel Pumroy, pastor of the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Samuel Wright, possibly a brother of Job, is also included on the list.¹² On ??? January 1710/1711 Eleanor Reeder and her husband Joseph Reeder sold land at Newtown to Job Wright, son-in-law of Caleb and Martha.¹

On 8 March 1710/1711 Job Wright witnessed a deed at Newtown Joseph Sackett to Joseph Sackett Jr.¹³ On 4 May 1714 Job Wright witnessed a deed at Newtown Joseph Sackett Jr and John Denman to Jacob Reeder.¹⁴ In 1715, Job Wright is listed as a member of Captain Daniel Stevenson's militia company at Newtown. Also listed as a member of the company is a Samuel Wright, who might have been a brother of Job. The list also includes a "John Lenderick", which could be a transcription error for John Leverich Jr., 1696-1780, a nephew of Mary and Job Wright.¹⁵

On 17 December 1717, Nathaniel Woodward, Yeoman, sold land at Newtown to Content Titus, yeoman, "... 13 acres and a quarter more or less as it lies bounded northeasterly by land of John Leverich, southeasterly by land of Nathaniel Woodward did belong to Content Titus above said, southwesterly by the land of Job Wright, and northwesterly bounded to the highway ... land formerly belonged to Caleb Leverich that is deceased."¹⁶ On 4 February 1718/1719 William and Sarah West sold land at Newtown to Job Wright and Joseph Morrell.¹⁷ In his will dated 20 September 1719, Joseph Sackett Sr of Newtown mentions property bordering the land of Job Wright.¹⁸

At a public town meeting at Newtown on 5 April 1720, "... voted that Job Wright shall be collector this ensuing year."¹⁹ On 12 September 1720, Joseph Reeder, blacksmith, and his wife Eleanor sold land to John Leverich. On 15 September 1720, John Leverich, mason, sold the same tracts of land to Job Wright. The land is described as 30 acres at Trains

Meadow northward by the highway and land of Benjamin Cornish, eastward by land of Nathaniel Woodward, southward by the land of Job Wright and the heirs of Josiah Reeder, and westward by the aforesaid highway, plus 15 acres of meadow at Trains Meadow.²⁰ On 20 September 1720 Job Wright witnessed a deed at Newtown Robert Wood to Thomas Hunt.²¹

On 20 September 1720 Job Wright, mason, and Joseph Morrell, yeoman, sold land at Newtown to Robert Wood, weaver.²² On 5 February 1720/1721 John Leverich, mason, sold property to Peter Berrien at Newtown bordering the land of Job Wright.²³ On 14 March 1720/1721 William Sackett, Yeoman, sold land at Newtown to Job Wright, bricklayer.²⁴ On 6 February 1721/1722 Jacob and Ann Reeder sold land at Newtown to Job Wright, bricklayer.²⁵ On 8 March 1722/1723 the Newtown Purchasers and Proprietors, including Job Wright, John Leverich, and William Leverich, sold land at Newtown to Rev. Samuel Pumroy, pastor of the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{26,27}

On 18 July 1723 Job Wright, mason, and his wife Mary, sold land at Newtown to William Leverich, carpenter.² A deed executed on 9 December 1727 Thomas Hunt to Christopher Vanderbeck mentions land of Job Wright, William Sackett, and Content Titus.²⁸ On 19 April 1728 Job Wright, mason, and his wife Mary, sold land at Newtown to James Hazard.²⁹ On 4 March 1729/1730 Job Wright, mason, and Mary his wife, sold land at Newtown to Lambert Woodward.³⁰ Mary Wright died after 5 Mar 1729/30 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. On 5 March 1729/1730 Job Wright, mason, and Mary his wife, sold land at Newtown to George ?Furnis?, tailor. This is the most recent entry in the Newtown town records for Job and Mary.³¹

There is no direct evidence that Job Wright and Mary Leverich had any children. However, it is possible that they had at least one son, Leverich Wright. The use of "Leverich" as his given name would suggest this possibility. If Leverich Wright was age 21 when he married Martha Phillips in 1730 at Jamaica, Queens Co, New York, then he was likely born about 1709.³²

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