

Individual Narrative of Benjamin⁵ Leverich [20]

Benjamin Leverich (20) was born circa 1732 at Newtown, Queens, New York, the son of John Leverich and Amy Moore.^{1,2} He died on 30 Mar 1750 at Newtown, Queens, New York. John was age 18 and unmarried at the time of his death, according to Riker's *Annals of Newtown*. The transcription of the Newtown Presbyterian Church records does not provide an age, but notes that Benjamin was the son of John Leverich. Riker does not provide a source for his information.^{3,4}

1750 was apparently a year of high mortality at Newtown. 56 deaths are recorded at Newtown Presbyterian Church in 1750, compared with 7 in 1749 and 13 in 1752. There were epidemics of Diphtheria as well as Scarlet Fever in New York in 1750.^{5,6}

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Endnotes

¹Arthur White, "Newtown Presbyterian Church Records," 1922, Transcription, New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, Irma and Paul Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History and Genealogy, 5th Avenue and 42nd Street, Manhattan, New York, New York 10018, Deaths, 1750. Hereinafter cited as "Newtown Presbyterian Records."

²James Riker Jr, *Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New York: Containing Its History from its first Settlement* (New York: D. Fanshaw, 1852), page 352. Hereinafter cited as *Annals of Newtown*.

³Newtown Presbyterian Records, Deaths, 1750.

⁴Riker Jr, *Annals of Newtown*, page 352.

⁵Newtown Presbyterian Records, Deaths, 1750.

⁶Thomas L Purvis, *Colonial America to 1763* (New York, New York: Facts on File, Inc, 1999), pages 173-174. Hereinafter cited as *Colonial America to 1763*.