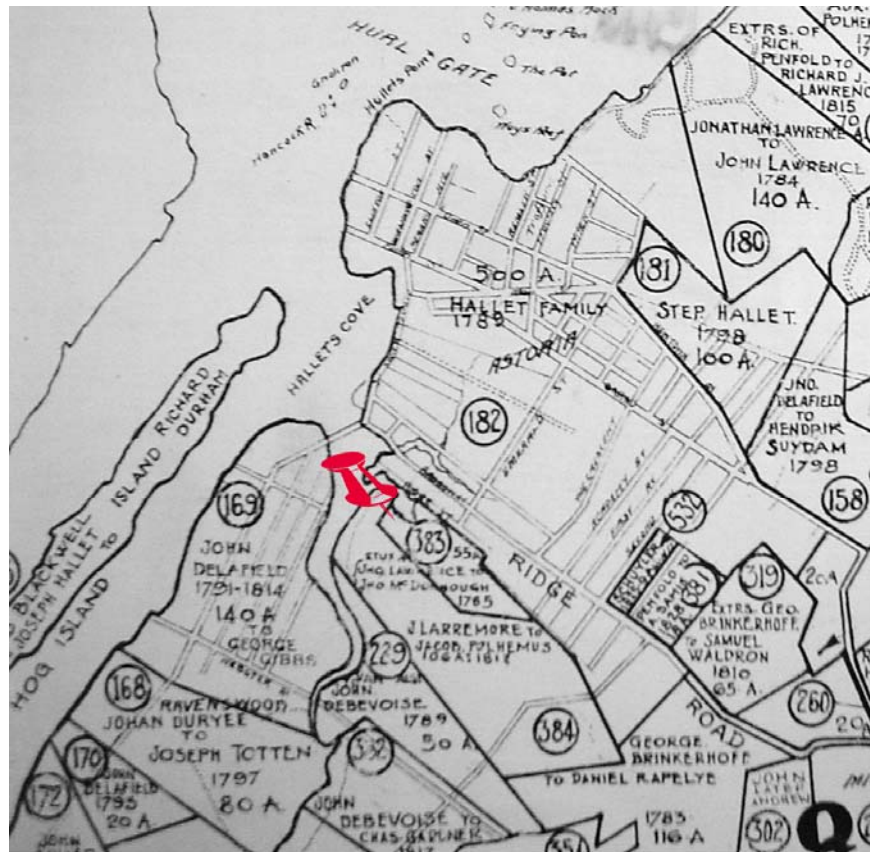


Individual Narrative of Hannah⁶ Leverich [56] Wife of James McDonough

Hannah Leverich^{1,2,3,4,5} was born on 11 Feb 1754 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the daughter of William and Dorothy Morse, as reported by James Riker in the *Annals of Newtown*. Hannah's birth date is recorded in the McDonough Family Bible, which also records that Hannah was born about 1:00 o'clock in the morning.^{6,7} Hannah Leverich was baptized on 7 April 1754 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁸

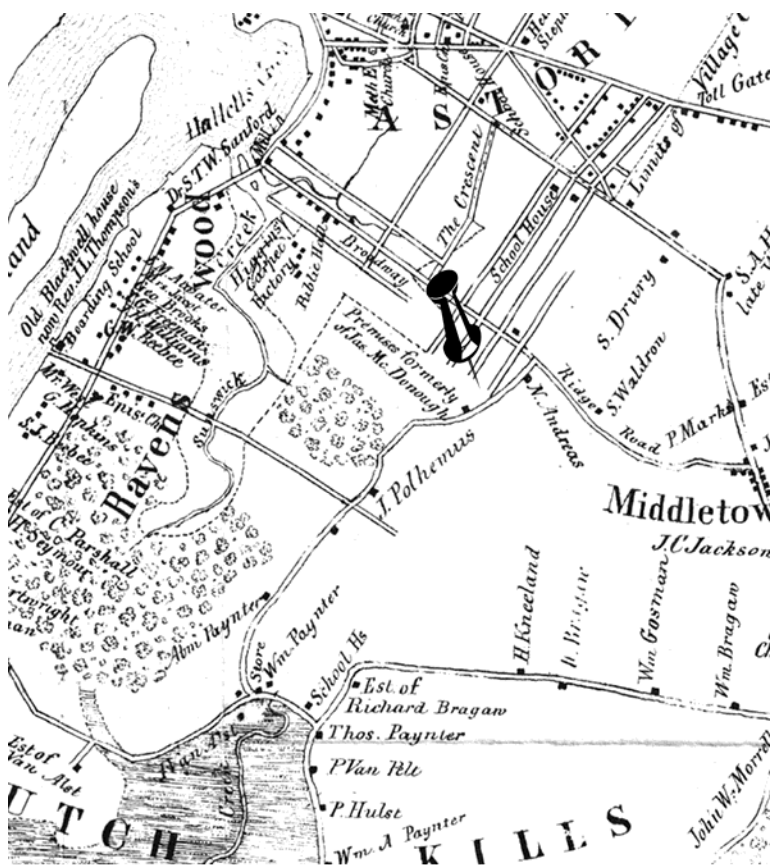
On 13 March 1776 John McDonough granted land at Newtown to James McDonough, "for and in consideration of the natural love and familial affection he beareth unto the said James McDonough". The tract of land included 45 acres of land, dwelling house, barn and orchard bordering the land of Richard Lawrence, Greenoak, Ludlum Haire, and Isaac Van Alst. The deed was witnessed by Edmond Penfold and Cornelius Berrien, and was recorded on 10 July 1784.⁹ On 1 May 1784 the Executors of the estate of Richard Lawrence, deceased, sold 13 1/4 acres of land at Newtown to James McDonough for 308 pounds, 15 shillings, swamp and meadow near Hallet's Cove, bordering John Greenoak, meadow of James McDonough, and Isaac Van Alst. The deed was witnessed by John and Margaret Kriner (sp?), and recorded on 29 November 1784.¹⁰



**1765 John Lawrence and wife to John McDonough, 55 Acres
<1800 Ownership Map Queens County>**

Hannah Leverich married James McDonough, son of John McDonough and Elizabeth Hallett, circa 1785 at Newtown, Queens, New York. A specific date of marriage has not been found, but Hannah Leverich is mentioned as the wife of James McDonough in the 1787 will of her father William Leverich. Their first child John McDonough was born about 1786.^{11,12,13,14}

James McDonough was born 3 October 1745, the son of John McDonough and Elizabeth Hallett of the Hallett's cove section of Newtown. James Riker in *The Annals of Newtown*, mentions John McDonough as the second husband of Elizabeth Hallett, widow of William Lawrence. Riker notes that John McDonough was a member of the Episcopal Church at Newtown. John McDonough was the only McDonough family in that area at that time. Deeds recorded in 1759 and 1761 mention John McDonough, yeoman, and his wife Elizabeth, living in Hallett's Cove. John McDonough is one of the subscribers to an advertisement in 1762 regarding the school operated at Hallett's Cove by William Rudge. As cited above, John McDonough sold land to James McDonough in 1776.^{15,16,17,18,19,20}



**Property formerly of Jas McDonough
1852 James Riker Map of Newtown**

James McDonough is included on the 1786 Tax List of Newtown, Queens Co, New York.²¹

William Leverich Sr of Newtown made his will dated 6 June 1787. In his will, he names his daughter Hannah McDonough, as well as her siblings Jesse, William, Edward, and James Leverich, Abigail Whaley, Elizabeth, Sarah and Deborah Leverich. Also mentioned is grandson William Moore, son of deceased daughter Amy Moore. Son-in-law James McDonough is named one of the executors of the estate.²²

James McDonough is recorded in the 1790, 1800, and 1810 U.S. censuses in Newtown, Queens County, New York. The individuals recorded in proximity to James in these census records suggest that he was living in the Hallett's Cove section of Newtown.^{23,24,25}

The 1790 U.S. Census records 1 free white male under the age of 16 (son John); 2 free white males over the age of 16 (James Sr and unidentified); 4 free white females (wife Hannah, daughters Dorothy and Elizabeth, unidentified).²⁶

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. James McDonough is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the period 1799-1803. The property was valued at \$900.00 to \$1,500.00 during this period of time.²⁷

The 1800 U.S. Census for James McDonough records 2 free white males under age 10 (sons William and James); 1 free white male age 10-15 (son John); 1 free white male over the age of 45 (James McDonough Sr); 2 free white females under the age of 10 (daughters Elizabeth and Patience); 1 free white female age 10-15 (daughter Dorothy); 1 free white female over the age of 45 (wife Hannah).²⁸

James McDonough occupied pew number 6 at St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown in 1806. James was baptized as an adult 8 January 1815 at St. James. James is listed as a communicant of St. James on 11 June 1815.²⁹

The 1810 U.S. Census for James McDonough records 1 free white male age 16 to 15 (James Jr); 1 free white male over the age of 45 (James Sr); 1 free white female age 1 to 15 (Patience); 2 free white females age 16 to 25 (Dorothy and Elizabeth); 1 free white female over the age of 45 (Hannah).³⁰ Sons John and William are not accounted for, and may have been working out as farm laborers in other households.

Hannah Leverich McDonough died on 10 Feb 1815 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the age of 62. She was buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground near her parents William Leverich and Dorothy Morse.^{31,32}

James McDonough is recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens County, New York: 1 free white male over the age of 45; 1 free white male under the age of 10 (grandson Timothy); and 1 free white male age 16 to 25 (son James Jr). Wife Hannah had died in 1815. The census tallies suggest that at least one of his sons was also part of the household. This was likely son William, his wife, his daughter Hannah, and his son Timothy. Eldest son John is unaccounted for.³³

On 26 April 1823 James J. McDonough was a witness to the will of William Alfred of Newtown.³⁴

James McDonough died 27 February 1824 age 78 years, 4 months, and 24 days, according to the McDonough Family Bible. On 13 March 1824, the Sag Harbor Correcor reported the death of James McDonough of Newtown, age 79. No estate records have been found for James McDonough.^{35,36}

Hannah Leverich McDonough had a brother William Leverich, who made a will in February 1824, which was proved in the Queens County Surrogate Court on 15 August 1831. One of the provisions of William's will was that "... estate to be sold and proceeds divided equally among the surviving children of my brothers and sisters, except the following: John, James, and William McDonough, sons of my sister Hannah; and Sarah, daughter of my sister Abigail Whaley; to these I cannot with justice and propriety leave any part of my estate." The will does not explicitly state a reason for these exclusions.³⁷

On 13 February 1827 William Leverich and his wife Cornelia sold land at Newtown to James Leverich, presumably the son of James Leverich and Hannah Mott. The tract included 70 acres, house, barn, outhouses, and orchards, formerly being the same premises as were owned and occupied by the late James McDonough, deceased. The property was described as being on the southern part by a road leading to the Mill lately belonging to James Larramore; on the western and northern part by land of Jacob Polhemus; and on the northern part from a small creek by land of Edward Greenoak; on the eastern part by land of said Edward Greenoak; and on the southeastern part by land late the property of John Hanson. The deed was witnessed by James Lent, and recorded on 24 June 1836.³⁸

The *James Riker Papers* state that Hannah Leverich and James McDonough had six children: John, William, James, Dolly (Dorothy L), Patience, and Eliza. It would appear that Hannah and James named four of their children after their grandparents, both maternal and paternal, and a fifth child was named after James himself. Patience may have been named for a sister of Hannah, Patience Leverich Stanton, who died young in 1785.³⁹

- i. John McDonough was born c 1786 probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The birth date is an estimate based upon John's age at the time of death. John McDonough married 16 April 1812 Hannah Johnson at the Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. A John McDonough is found in Manhattan, Ward 1, New York Co, New York in the 1830 U.S. Census. The census tallies suggest a wife, 3 sons, and 1

daughter, born between 1811 and 1830. John McDonough died 11 November 1836 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. John's death notice states "Suddenly yesterday morning after a short illness, John McDonough Esq died in the 50th year of his age. His friends and acquaintances, and those of his brother William McDonough, Esq, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Sunday afternoon at half past 3 o'clock, from his later residence number 151 Bowery, corner of Broome Street." The mention of brother William confirms that this John McDonough was the son of James and Hannah McDonough. Marriage and death dates are confirmed in widow Hannah McDonough's pension application based upon John McDonough's service in the War of 1812. No estate or burial record has been found for John.^{40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47}

- ii. Dorothy Leverich McDonough was born 9 July 1788. She married on 24 April 1817 to David Van Wickel Jr, at St James Episcopal Church in Newtown. Dorothy died 13 November 1866. She is buried at the St. James Episcopal Church. Dorothy and David Van Wickel are found in both the 1850 and 1860 Census of Newtown.^{48,49,50,51}
- iii. Elizabeth McKay McDonough was born about 1789 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. According to the McDonough Family Bible, Elizabeth died in July 1828, aged 39 years 8 months. The Bible uses her maiden name for the death record, and does not record a marriage for Elizabeth. Therefore, it is likely that Elizabeth was not married. Elizabeth was probably living with her father James in the 1800 and 1810 U.S. Census, but is unaccounted for in the 1820 U.S. Census. She was likely living in another household. A place of burial has not been identified for Elizabeth, but may have been at the St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown.^{52,53,54,55}
- iv. As per the McDonough Family Bible, William McDonough was born 10 July 1791. He married Elizabeth Roach 24 January 1816. William died 2 October 1874, age 84, probably at Newtown. William was likely living with his father James in Newtown in the 1820 Census. William is found in the 1830, 1840, 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census in Manhattan, Wards 6, 14, 13 and 13, New York County, New York. In the 1870 U.S. Census, William is living in Newtown with his unmarried daughters Hannah and Elizabeth. William was a shipwright/ship carpenter by trade according to census records and the New York City directory.^{56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66}
- v. James McDonough Jr. was born about 1795 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. According to the McDonough Family Bible, James died in April 1829, aged 34 years 2 months. James McDonough Jr was likely living with his father James in the 1800, 1810, and 1820 U.S. Census. A place of burial has not been identified for James, but may have been at the St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown.^{67,68,69,70}
- vi. Patience McDonough was born about 1797 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. She married c 1812 Jonas Beekman. Jonas Beekman is found in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 U.S. Census in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Patience was widowed in 1846, and is found in both the 1850 and 1860 Census of Manhattan. Patience died 5 September 1860 in Manhattan.^{71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79}

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