

Individual Narrative of James⁶ Leverich [62]

James Leverich^{1,2,3} was born on 13 Jun 1767 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of William Leverich and Dorothy Morse. The birth date is a calculated date based upon James' age at the time of death.^{4,5}

On 14 April 1786, James Leverich was among seven men appointed firemen in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Henry Stanton was elected captain. James was reelected a fireman the following year. James Leverich had a brother-in-law named Henry Stanton, but he lived in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The 1790 U.S. Census for New York City records two Henry Stanton's, one in Brooklyn and one in Manhattan. Therefore, it is likely that Henry Stanton, captain of the fire company in Brooklyn, was not Henry Stanton, brother-in-law of James Leverich.^{6,7,8}

On 6 February 1788, James Leverich was among the subscribers from Kings County who petitioned the State Legislature to authorize the levying of a tax to support the repair of roads in Brooklyn.⁹

James Leverich married Hannah Mott on 27 Oct 1793 at New York. The location of the marriage has not been identified. Harold T. Duryee, in his book *The Charles Duryee Family*, states that James Leverich "began the Family Bible now (1955) possessed by Gerald Fancher Duryee, and recorded his marriage in it."^{10,11}

James Riker, in his manuscript papers, identifies Hannah Mott as "formerly of Hempstead."¹² Hannah Mott was born 3 February 1776, perhaps at Hempstead. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Hannah's age at the time of death.¹³ The parents of Hannah Mott have not been identified. Hannah may have been the daughter of Richard Mott and Jane Perrit (perhaps Pettit) who were married 30 September 1760. James and Hannah named children Richard Mott and Jane, which lends circumstantial support to this theory.^{14,15}

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. James Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York for the period 1799-1801. The property was valued at \$615.00 to \$800.00 during this period of time.¹⁶

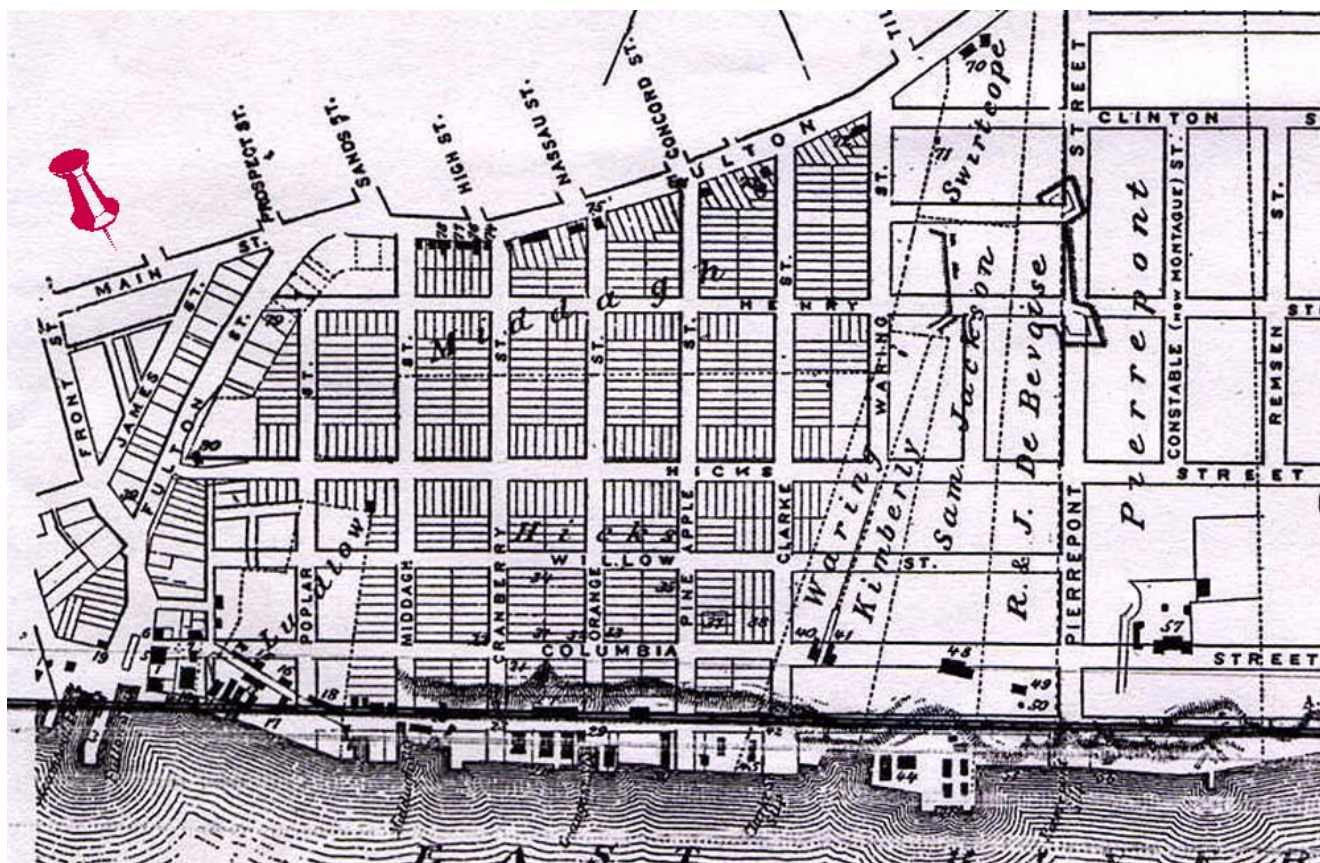
On 9 May 1800, James Leverich of Brooklyn purchased for \$1,250 from Abiall Titus and his wife Ruth a house and lot in Brooklyn, bordered on the southwest by the Main Street leading from the Ferry to Brooklyn, as well as the land of John Brower and John Garretson. The deed was witnessed by John Doughty and Burdit Stryker, and recorded on 24 June 1800.¹⁷

James Leverich is not listed in the 1796 Brooklyn City Directory. However, listed were John Garison, Butcher; Brower and Beezely, Blacksmiths; John Doughty, Butcher; and Bourdet Stryker, Tallow Chandler, all living in the village of Brooklyn in the vicinity of the Ferry landing.¹⁸

James Leverich is recorded in the 1800 Census of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Recorded on the same census page are John Browyer and John Garretson. The census tallies include 2 males under the age of 10 (Sackett, Richard Mott), one male age 26 to 44 (James), one female under the age of 10 (Cornelia), 1 female age 10-15 (unidentified), 1 female age 16 to 25 (Hannah), and 2 slaves.¹⁹

On 30 December 1809 John and Sarah McKenney, and Margaret McKenney, executed an indenture of mortgage borrowing \$250.00 from James Leverich, with a repayment with interest due date of 1 May 1810. The property mortgaged was a house and lot in Brooklyn, 100 feet from Front St, 124 feet from Main St, on an alley parallel to Front Street. The debt was not repaid before or after the death of James Leverich. On 5 May 1824 William Leverich and James Lent of Newtown, Queens Co, New York, executors of the estate of James Leverich, sold the property at auction to William Angus for a high bid of \$400. The deed was witnessed by James Andrew and Jacob Field, and recorded on 9 June 1824.²⁰

James Leverich is recorded in the 1810 Census of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 male age 10-15 (Sackett), 1 male age 26-44 (James), 1 female age 10 to 15 (Cornelia), 1 female age 16 to 25 (unidentified), 1 female age 26-44 (Hannah). Unaccounted for is son James Leverich, who would have been under the age of 10 in 1810.²¹



The Village of Brooklyn 1816
Compiled from the first village map of that date by Jeremiah Lott, and Poppleton and Lott's
Map of the Pierrepont Estate of 1819
<http://bklyn-genealogy-info.stevemorse.org/Map/1816.map.html>

Hannah Mott Leverich died 24 November 1810 at the age of 34 years, 9 months, and 21 days. The place of death was probably Brooklyn, but could have been Newtown in Queens County. Hannah is buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground at Trains Meadow in Queens Co.²²

James Leverich died on 24 Jan 1811, two months after his wife, age 45 years, 7 months, 10 days. The place of death was probably Brooklyn, but could have been Newtown in Queens County. James was buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground at Trains Meadow in Queens Co.²³

James Leverich made a will dated 11 January 1811, which was submitted for probate in Queens County on 30 January 1811. James provides for his children, but does not specifically name them. The will was witnessed by his brother-in-law James Hedenberg and Jacob Duryee. James' brother William Leverich, James Lent, and Thomas Betts were named executors.²⁴

Included among the Leverich Family Papers collection at the Raynham Hall House Museum in Oyster Bay, New York is a deed dated 1 May 1811 between William Leverich, executor of the estate of James Leverich, and Samuel Leverich and his wife Sarah.²⁵

James Leverich and Hannah Mott had eight children, three of whom survived to adulthood. These three children were ages 15, 13, and 5 when their parents died. It is not known who raised these children, but it is possible they were taken in by their uncle William Leverich and his wife Cornelia Duryee. William was an executor of James' estate, and he and Cornelia did not have children of their own. Census tallies for William in 1820 partially support this theory. The five children who did not survive childhood are all buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground in Trains Meadow with their parents.^{26,27}

- i. Cornelia Leverich was born 27 February 1796. She married Joseph Woodward Duryee 21 March 1816. Cornelia died 6 February 1848 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey.^{28,29,30,31,32}
- ii. Sackett Leverich was born 7 May 1898. He married Cornelia Duryee on 4 February 1823. Sackett died 9 March 1838 at New York.^{33,34,35,36,37}
- iii. Richard Mott Leverich was born on 2 August 1800. He died as a child on 13 January 1802.³⁸
- iv. Richard Leverich was born on 27 October 1802. He died as an infant 20 September 1803.³⁹
- v. Elizabeth Leverich was born 19 July 1804. She died as an infant on 18 August 1804.⁴⁰
- vi. James S. Leverich was born 22 December 1805, probably in Brooklyn. James married for the first time Matilda Van Deride, daughter of John Deride, in 1827, probably in Brooklyn. James married for the second time Hannah L. Fox on 31 December 1834 in Camden, New Jersey. James died on 27 April 1865 at Camden, Camden Co, New Jersey.^{41,42,43,44,45}
- vii. Jane Leverich was born 6 July 1807. She died as an infant on 29 August 1807.⁴⁶
- viii. William Leverich was born on 8 April 1809. He died as an infant on 25 August 1809.⁴⁷

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