

Individual Narrative of William⁶ Leverich [68] Son of Elnathan⁵ Leverich [21]

William Leverich was born circa 1768 at Newtown, Queens, New York. According to James Riker's *Annals of Newtown*, William was the son of Elnathan Leverich and Mary Coe, who were married in 1767. William's birth date is an estimate based upon his parents' marriage date.¹

In this time period, there are three distinct William Leverich's living at Newtown.

- William⁶ Leverich [59] (referred to as "Senior" in some records), 1760-1831, farmer and justice of the peace, husband of Cornelia Duryee.
- William⁶ Leverich [68] (referred to as "Junior" in some records), c 1768-1835, a mason as per Riker and an 1827 deed, husband of Alletta whose surname has not been identified.
- William⁷ Leverich [123](referred to as "3rd" in some records), 1783-1854, coachmaker, husband of Anna L. Sackett and Hannah Pettit, widow of Jacob Sackett.

The designations Senior, Junior, and 3rd were apparently based upon age, rather than filial relationship. William "Senior" and William "Junior" were first cousins. William "3rd" was a nephew of William "Senior", a first cousin once removed to William "Junior". In some instances, a record in the name of William Leverich during this time period cannot be definitively ascribed to a specific William Leverich.^{2,3}

A William Leverich became a member of the Newtown Presbyterian Church in 1795. This was likely William Leverich Jr. William Leverich Sr had been married earlier, in 1787. William Leverich 3rd was only 12 years old in 1795.⁴

William Leverich married Alletta [family name not identified] circa 1800 at Newtown, Queens, New York. The marriage date is an estimate based upon a death record 23 October 1801 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church of an unnamed infant of William Leverich.⁵

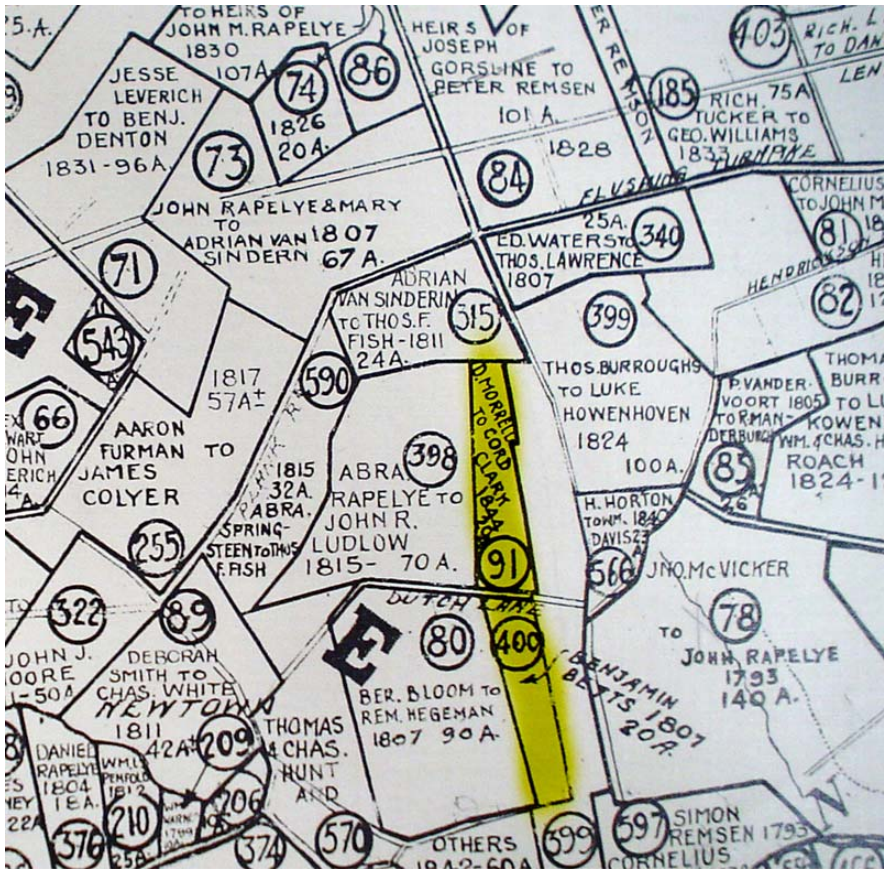
Alletta, wife of William Leverich, was born about 1784 or earlier, if she was as young as 16 years old at the time of marriage in 1800. Her place of birth is unknown, and her parents have not yet been identified.⁶

Alletta, wife of William Leverich, may have been the daughter of John Nostrand of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. On 5 September 1814, letters of administration were granted on the estate of Benjamin Coe Jr to Catherine Coe and William Leverich, in Queens Co, New York. Catherine Coe was the daughter of John Nostrand of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, and had married Benjamin Coe Jr about 1805. Catherine Coe made a will dated 15 September 1820, proved 15 February 1821, and named as executors her brother-in-law Peter Sharp of New York City, and her "uncle" William Leverich of Newtown. If John Nostrand had a sister Alletta who married William Leverich, then that William Leverich would have been an uncle by marriage to Catherine Nostrand Coe. Efforts to identify the family of John Nostrand have not been successful.^{7,8,9}

Another theory is that Alletta, wife of William Leverich, may have been the daughter of John Barkelow. John Barkelow Leverich, son of William Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church on 16 January 1803. A John Barcalow is found in the 1800 Census in New Utrecht, Kings Co, N.Y. as well as the 1810 and 1820 Census in Jamaica, Queens Co, N.Y. John Barkuloo of New Utrecht purchased land at Newtown in 1803, then exchanged farms with Cornelius R. Duryee of Jamaica in 1809. Another John Barkelow appears in the 1800 and 1810 censuses of Staten Island, Richmond Co, New York. Specific evidence of Alletta as a daughter of John Barkelow has not been found.^{10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17}

On 1 May 1805 George Van Wickle sold six acres in Queens Co, New York to William Leverich Jr. This transaction was not recorded at the Queens County Courthouse, but the same tract of land is mentioned in a deed dated 3 May 1827 when William Leverich Jr, "mason of Newtown", sells the land to Ellison Leverich. This deed was witnessed by Jacob Field, and recorded 3 May 1827. The same plot of land was later sold 5 April 1832 by Phebe A. Leverich, widow of

Ellison Leverich to George Rapelye. The tract of land bordered lands of Daniel Morrell, lately belonging to Benjamin Betts, Timothy Roach, Daniel D. Rapelyee, and William Hunter. This deed was witnessed by John B. Leverich, W. King, and D.D. Crane, and recorded 26 April 1832.^{18,19,20}



**1 May 1805: 6 acres George Van Wickle to William Leverich Jr.: bordering lands of Daniel Morrell, lately belonging to Benjamin Betts
Queens County, New York <see Phebe A. Leverich to George Rapelye, 1832 April 5, DD-8>**

Ellison Leverich was likely the son of one of the William Leverich's living at Newtown at the time. The Queens County, N.Y. Surrogate granted letters of administration on the estate of Ellison Leverich to a William Leverich of Newtown on 17 August 1829. The record does not identify William's relationship to Ellison, nor is there a designation (i.e. Sr., Jr., III) associated with William's name in the record.²¹

The 1827 and 1832 deeds would suggest that Ellison Leverich may have been the son of William Leverich Jr. However, it is more likely that Ellison Leverich was the son of William Leverich III, who was a first cousin once removed to William Leverich Jr. Ellison was born about 1805, and this date better fits the birth date pattern of the children of William III, who married for the first time in 1804, then that of William Jr. Also, the children of William Leverich Jr were baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, but no baptism record for Ellison is found among that Church's records.²²

On 29 December 1805, Elizabeth Sackett Leverich, daughter of William Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth, as well as her brother John, must have been the children of William Leverich Jr and his wife Alletta. William Leverich Senior and his wife Cornelia had no children. William Leverich 3rd did not marry until 1804, and the identity of his children is well documented. The presumption that John and Elizabeth were siblings is reinforced by the fact that they both relocated to Oswego, New York, and that John was in business with Elizabeth's husband Nicholson Millis.^{23,24}

On 16 May 1808 Elnathan Leverich, son of William Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Elnathan was presumably the son of William Leverich Jr and his wife Alletta, named for his paternal grandfather.²⁵

William Leverich is recorded in the 1810 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies list 3 free white males under the age of 10 (John B, Elnathan, and unidentified), 1 free white male 10 to 15 (unidentified), 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (William), 1 free white female under the age of 10 (Elizabeth), 1 free white female age 10 to 15 (unidentified), and 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (Alletta). Neighbors recorded in the census include Benjamin Betts, John Hagarman, and Richard Bell.²⁶

William Leverich is recorded in the 1820 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies list one free white male under the age of 10 (unidentified), one free white male age 45 and over (William), and one free white female age 45 and over (Alletta). It is noted that one person is engaged in manufactures, which is consistent with William's trade as a mason. Neighbors recorded in the census include Benjamin Betts and John Hagarman.²⁷

Alletta Leverich (Mrs William) died at Newtown 26 April 1823. Alletta may have been buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church graveyard, since her death is recorded in the Church records. No confirmation of her burial place however has been found.^{28,29}

William Leverich Jr is not found in the 1830 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Also not found are John Hagarman and Benjamin Betts, both neighbors in the 1810 and 1820 censuses. John B. Leverich and Elizabeth Millis, wife of Nicholson Millis, are recorded adjacent to each other in the 1830 Census of New York County Ward 10, New York. It is possible that William Leverich Jr was living with his son or his daughter in 1830. William had sold his Newtown property in 1827 to his cousin Ellison Leverich. However, the census tallies for their census records do not reflect a male about age 60.^{30,31,32}

He died in Aug 1835 at Newtown, Queens, New York. William may have been buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church graveyard, since his death is recorded in the Church records. No confirmation of his burial place however has been found.³³

William and Alletta Leverich had at least four children.

- i. An unnamed infant died 23 October 1801.³⁴
- ii. John Barkelow Leverich was born at Newtown about 1802-1803, married first about 1827 (first wife is unidentified), married second 16 March 1842 Louisa, widow of Col. Woodruff, and died 4 September 1889 at Oswego, Oswego Co, New York.^{35,36,37}
- iii. Elizabeth Sackett Leverich was born at Newtown about 1804, married 29 October 1820 Nicholson Millis, and died 10 October 1895 at Oswego, Oswego Co, New York.^{38,39}
- iv. Elnathan Leverich was born at Newtown about 1808, and may have died young, since no further record of him has been found.⁴⁰

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