

Individual Narrative of Sarah⁶ Leverich [72] Wife of Thomas Cheney

Sarah Leverich was born before 1754 at Newtown, Queens, New York.¹ On 6 February 1754, Sarah, daughter of William Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²

Sarah was likely the daughter of William Leverich who married Else Cook on 20 Aug 1748 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. At this time, there are two other William Leverich's at Newtown. There was William Leverich the carpenter, husband of Martha Way, who was the father of William Leverich who married Else Cook. There was also William Leverich the blacksmith. William the blacksmith was the son of John Leverich and Amy Moore and married first Hannah Way and then Dorothy Morse. William and Dorothy had a daughter Sarah Leverich, but this Sarah was not born until 1769.^{3,4}

Sarah may have been the "Sarah Leverick" who was married 2 November 1767 to Thomas Cheney by the Rev. Samuel Auchmuty of Trinity Parish Church in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. It is not known how old Sarah was at the time of her baptism in 1754; but if she was then an infant, then she would have been about age 13 when she married.^{5,6}

Direct evidence has not been found to prove that Sarah Leverich baptized in 1754 was the same Sarah who married Thomas Cheney in 1767. However, there are no other known Sarah Leverich's living in the area other than Sarah born about 1730 who married Joseph Gorsline in 1759, and would have been the aunt of Sarah Leverich baptized in 1754.^{7,8}

The origins of Thomas Cheney are not known. If Thomas was at least age 21 at the time he married in 1767, then he would have been born before 1746. He could have been the Thomas Cheney, born at Ashford, Connecticut on 1 July 1842, the son of William Cheney and Ruth Eastman. "Thomas" was a very common given name in this branch of the Cheney family, descended from the presumed immigrant William Cheney who died at Roxbury, Suffolk Co, Massachusetts in 1667.⁹

However, some research posted at Ancestry.com public family trees associate this Thomas Cheney with an individual who married Keturah Owen and removed first to the western part of Virginia, and then to Ohio. This identification however appears circumstantial and speculative.¹⁰

Subsequent to the 1767 marriage, Sarah Leverich and Thomas Cheney disappear without a trace from the documentary record. The 1790 U.S. Census records 7 Thomas Cheney's: two in Chester Co, Pennsylvania; one in Worcester Co and another in Cambridge, Massachusetts; two in New Hampshire, and one in Vermont. None of these can be connected with the Thomas Cheney of New York. The 1790 Census also records 2 Sarah Cheney's, both in Massachusetts, one in Worcester Co the other in Essex Co. Again, it has not been possible to connect these Sarah's with Sarah of New York.¹¹

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Endnotes

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³Ibid., Marriages, 1748.

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⁸Riker Jr, *Annals of Newtown*, pages 351-353.

⁹Charles Henry Pope, *The Cheney Genealogy* (Boston, Massachusetts: Charles Henry Pope, 1897), pages 26, 67, 556. Hereinafter cited as *The Cheney Genealogy*.

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