

**Individual Narrative of Elizabeth⁶ Gorsline [76]
Daughter of Samuel Gorsline and Martha⁵ Leverich [23]
Wife of George Adriance**

Elizabeth Gorsline was born circa 1757 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, probably the fourth child of Samuel Gorsline and Martha Leverich, who were married at Newtown 3 March 1750. In his will dated 25 May 1782, Samuel Gorsline of Dutchess Co, New York names his children Samuel, Martha, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ruth, James, Richard, and Jose. The context of the will suggests that the children were listed in birth date order. The 1757 birth date for Elizabeth Gorsline is a calculated date accordingly.^{1,2}

Elizabeth Gorsline married George Adriance circa 1775 at Dutchess County, New York. The marriage date is an estimate based upon the birth of Elizabeth and George Adriance's first child, George Adriance Jr. who was baptized 13 October 1776 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York. The baptism record identifies Elizabeth as "Elizabeth Gasselin."³

Assuming he was at least age 21 at the time of marriage about 1775, then George Adriance was born before 1755, probably in Dutchess County, New York. He was the son of Joris (George) Adriance and his second wife Phebe Van Wyck, as mentioned in Joris' will made in Dutchess County 10 October 1758.^{4,5}

George Adriance was among the signers of the "Articles of Association" from Rombout Precinct in Dutchess County, New York in the summer of 1775. The Articles were circulated by the New York Provincial Congress. The primary purpose of this "pledge" was to bring the people up to the point of associated effort, and had no direct reference to an appeal to arms and separation from the English government.⁶

During the Revolutionary War, on the American side, George Adriance is found enrolled in both the 2nd Regiment and the 7th Regiment of Militia from Dutchess County, New York. The 2nd Regiment was commanded by Col. Abraham Brinckerhoff, while the 7th Regiment was commanded by Col. Henry Ludenton.⁷

During the Revolutionary War, before the Americans evacuated New York City in 1776, all the Stores were carried to White Plains (Westchester Co, New York). The Committee of Conspiracies, 15 February 1777, paid George Adriance for transporting ammunition to the house of John Carpenter, at Nine Partners (Dutchess Co).⁸

In 1777 George Adriance is recorded as a taxpayer in Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. His father George is listed as a taxpayer in the same jurisdiction 1741-1749, and 1753-1758.⁹

George Adriance is identified as a son-in-law, and one of several executors, in the will of Samuel Gorsline in Dutchess County in 1782. The will also names daughter Elizabeth, the wife of George Adriance.¹⁰

Samuel Gorsline died before 7 November 1782 at which time his will was submitted for probate. The *New York Packet* of 20 March 1783 advertised that the farm of Samuel Gorsline was to be sold in Fishkill. The notice was placed by Samuel, William, and Richard Gorsline, and George Adriance, executors of the will of Samuel Gorsline. On 25 September 1784, the executors of the estate of Samuel Gorsline summoned Thomas Gorsline of Newtown, Queens Co, New York regarding a debt owed to Thomas Gorsline by the estate. On 15 October 1784, the executors of the estate sued Thomas Lawrence.^{11,12,13}

George Adriance is recorded as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census of Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. The census tallies included 2 free white males under the age of 16 (sons George Jr and Jacob), 1 free white male over the age of 16 (George Sr), and 6 free white females (wife Elizabeth, daughters Elizabeth, Phebe, Sarah, 2 not identified).¹⁴

On 22 April 1794 George Adriance leased a farm of 34.2 acres in Rensselaerwyck Manor, formerly a district in Albany County, at that time part of the newly formed county of Rensselaer, New York.¹⁵

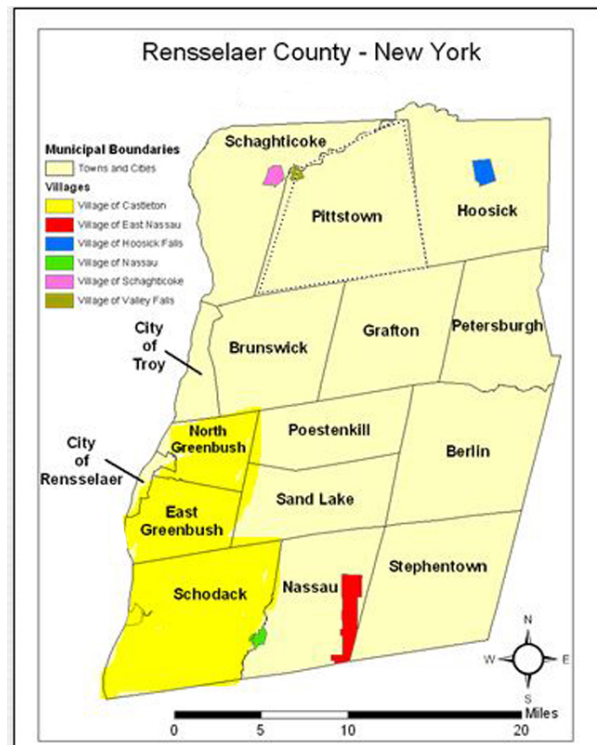
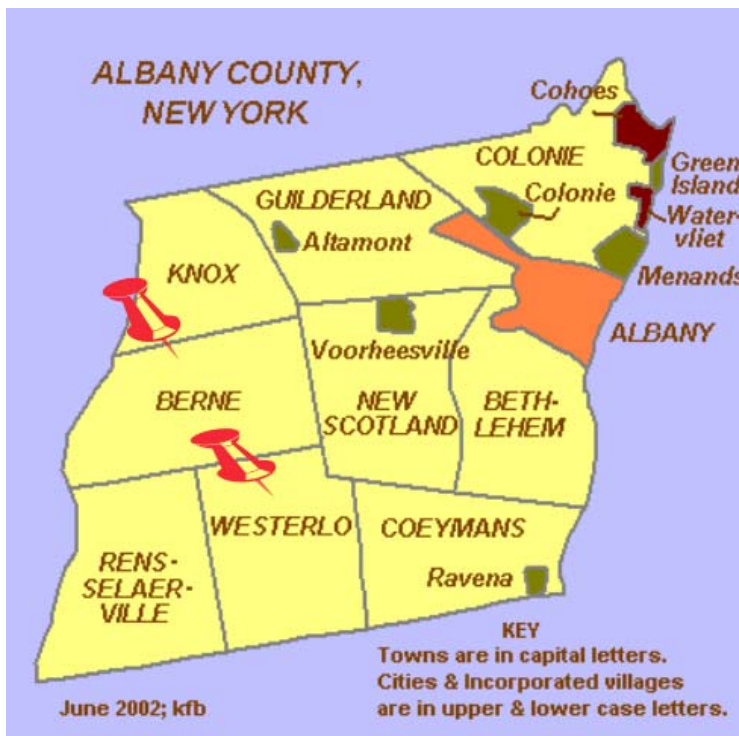
On 21 August 1799, George Adriance witnessed the will of Henry Decker of Schodack, Rensselaer Co, New York.¹⁶

George Adriance is recorded as a head of household in the 1800 U.S. Census of Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York. The census tallies included 2 free white males under age 10 (sons Jacob and James), 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (George Sr), 2 free white females age 10 to 15 (daughters Phebe and Sarah), 1 free white female age 16 to 25 (daughter Elizabeth), and 1 free white female age 45 and over (wife Elizabeth). Living nearby in the same census are Elizabeth's brothers Samuel and William Gorsline.¹⁷

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. George Adriance appears on the tax list for the Town of Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York for the years 1800 to 1803. During this period of time, the assessed value of his real estate averaged \$130. George Adriance Jr is listed on the 1802 tax list, also in Greenbush.¹⁸

On 23 June 1807 George Adriance leased a farm of 156.5 acres in Rensselaerwyck Manor, specifically the Town of Berne in Albany Co, New York, which had formerly been leased to William McCullough.¹⁹

George Adriance is recorded as a head of household in the 1810 U.S. Census of Berne, Albany Co, New York. The census tallies included one free white male under age 10 (son James), 1 free white male and 1 free white female over the age of 45 (George and Elizabeth). The household also included a 2nd free white male over the age of 45, a free white female age 26-44, and 1 free white female under 10. These may have been the family of one of the three daughters of George and Elizabeth.²⁰



George Adriance of Berne, Albany Co, New York made a will dated 13 November 1819. The will names his wife Elizabeth, his son Jacob, and other children not specifically named. Elizabeth and Jacob were named executors. The will was witnessed by William Spore and John Preston. The will was submitted for probate 7 January 1836.²¹

George Adriance is not found listed in the 1820 U.S. Census. However, sons Jacob and James Adriance are listed as heads of family in Berne, Albany Co, New York, where George leased a farm in 1807, and where George is recorded as a head of household in the 1810 Census. Jacob's household includes one free white female over the age of 45, and James' household includes two free white males over the age of 45. This suggests that James and Jacob were sharing the family farm, and that George and Elizabeth were included in their sons' households in the 1820 census. The census taker in this case listed families alphabetically, so it is not possible to confirm the physical proximity of households.²²

George Adriance is not found listed in the 1830 U.S. Census. However, son Jacob is listed as a head of family in Berne, Albany Co, New York, where George leased a farm in 1807, and where George is recorded as a head of household in the 1810 Census. Although not supported by the census tallies recorded, it is likely that George and maybe Elizabeth were living on the family farm with his son Jacob.²³

George Adriance died in the year 1835. On 19 September 1835, Jacob Adriance, "an executor named in said will", advertised as follows in the *Albany Argus*. "To the heirs of George Adriance deceased, and all others whom it may concern. You will please to take notice, that I shall, on Monday the ninth day of November next, apply to the surrogate of the county of Albany, wheresoever this court shall then be held, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to take proof of and record the last will and testament of George Adriance, late of the town of Berne in the county of Albany, deceased ..." Neither a specific date of death nor a place of burial have been determined for George Adriance.²⁴

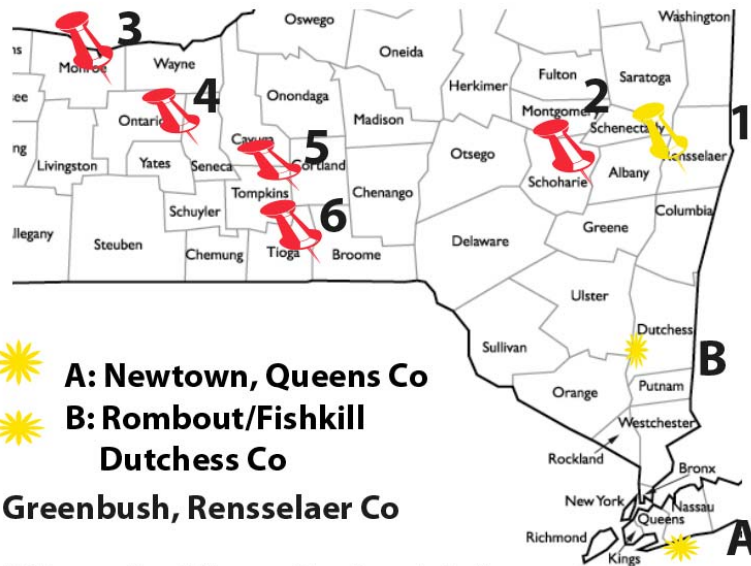
Elizabeth Gorsline Adriance died after 1819 probably at Berne, Albany, New York, having been named in her husband's will dated in 1819. Neither a specific date of death nor a place of burial has been found for Elizabeth Gorsline Adriance.²⁵

Elizabeth Gorsline and George Adriance had eight children, including a set of twins that probably died young, all baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York.^{26,27,28}

- i. George Adriance Jr. was baptized 13 October 1776 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill. George married before 1809 Betty Witbeak, sister of Rachel Witbeack of Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York whose will was dated 18 October 1809. George died 8 May 1832 at Perinton, Monroe Co, New York. George is found in the 1800 Census Hillsdale, Columbia Co, New York; the 1802 tax list and 1810 Census at Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York; and the 1830 Census at Perinton, Monroe Co, New York.^{29,30,31,32,33,34,35}
- ii. Elizabeth Adriance was born 8 February 1783 at Fishkill. The seven year gap between Elizabeth and her older brother George Adriance Jr is likely due to their father being away with the militia during the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth married 11 September 1806 Charles Swift. Elizabeth died 3 February 1820 at Waterloo, Seneca County, New York. Charles Swift appears in the 1810 U.S. Census at Canaan, Columbia County, New York; and the 1820 U.S. Census at Truxton, Cortland Co, New York.^{36,37,38,39,40,41}
- iii. Phebe Adriance was born 1 March 1785 at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. Phebe married Dr. John Miller on 21 June 1805. Phebe died 16 January 1838 at Truxton, Cortland Co, New York. John Miller is found in the U.S. Census 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 at Truxton.^{42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51}
- iv. Sarah (aka Sally) Adriance was born 20 October 1787 at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. Sally married John Smith in April 1806 at the reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Wynantskill, Rensselaer Co, New York. Sally Adriance Smith died 5 August 1862 at Nanticoke, Broome Co, New York. Sally is living with her son George Smith in the 1850 U.S. Census in Berne, Albany Co, New York; the 1855 New York State Census and the 1860 U.S. Census at Nanticoke, Broome Co, New York.^{52,53,54,55,56,57}
- v. Jacob Adriance was born 18 March 1790 at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. Jacob married Elizabeth Butler. Jacob Adriance died between 1865 and 1870, probably at Westerlo, Albany Co, New York. Jacob is found in the U.S. Census at Berne, Albany Co, New York in 1830, 1840, and 1850; and the New York State Census in 1855. Jacob is found in the 1860 U.S. Census and 1865 New York State Census at Westerlo, Albany Co, New York.^{58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65}
- vi. Cornelius Adriance, a twin, was born 21 November 1791, and baptized 8 January 1792 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill. Cornelius probably died young prior to the 1810 U.S. Census, which does not have a census tally to reflect Cornelius. No further record of Cornelius has been found.^{66,67}
- vii. Albert Adriance, a twin, was born 21 November 1791, and baptized 8 January 1792 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Fishkill. Albert probably died young prior to the 1810 U.S. Census, which does not have a census tally to reflect Albert. No further record of Albert has been found.^{68,69}
- viii. James Adriance was born 26 December 1793 at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. James married Ruth Blakeman. James Adriance died 29 January 1875 in Broome County, New York. James and Ruth were buried in the Adriance-Hotaling Cemetery in the village of Westerlo, Albany Co, New York. James Adriance is found in the U.S. Census at Westerlo in 1840 and 1850, and the New York State Census in 1855; in Berne, Albany Co, New York in the 1860 U.S. Census and the 1865 New York State Census. In the 1870 U.S. Census, James Adriance is living in the household of his son Stephen in Nanticoke, Broome Co, New York.^{70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77}

The Ryerson Genealogy erroneously identifies Richard Adriance, born c 1800, married to Clarissa Reynolds, as the son of George Adriance and Elizabeth Gorsline. Richard was actually the grandson of this couple, the son of George Adriance Jr and Betsy Witbeack. Richard is so identified in the will of Ruth Witbeack dated 18 October 1809 in Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York. Richard Adriance is found in the 1830 U.S. Census in Westerlo, Albany Co, NY; the 1840 U.S. Census in Conesville, Schoharie Co, NY; the 1850 U.S. Census in Gilboa, Schoharie Co, NY; and the 1855 New York State Census in Durham, Greene Co, NY.^{78,79,80,81,82,83}

New York State 1820-1860
Children of Elizabeth Gorsline and George Adriance
Greenbush, Rensselaer Co
Berne, Albany Co



- A: Newtown, Queens Co**
- B: Romhout/Fishkill Dutchess Co**
- 1. Greenbush, Rensselaer Co**
- 2. Berne and Westerlo, Albany Co: Jacob & James Adriance**
- 3. Perinton, Monroe Co: George Adriance Jr**
- 4. Waterloo, Seneca Co: Elizabeth Adriance Swift**
- 5. Truxton, Cortland Co: Phebe Adriance Miller**
- 6. Nanticoke, Broome Co: Sally Adriance Smith**

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