

Individual Narrative of Sarah⁶ Gorsline [77] Daughter of Samuel Gorsline and Martha⁵ Leverich [23]

Samuel Gorsline was the husband of Martha⁵ Leverich [23]. They were married 3 March 1750 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, Queens County, New York.¹

Samuel Gorsline, a farmer of Rombout Precinct, Dutchess Co, New York made a will dated 25 May 1782. The will stipulated: "I leave my eldest son Samuel the choice of a horse for his birthright. All the rest of the estate I leave to my children Samuel, Martha, William, Elizabeth, **Sarah**, Ruth, James, Richard and Jose. My son Richard is to have one year's schooling at the expense of my estate, and my son Jose is to have three years' schooling." The text of the will suggests that the children are named in birth order from oldest to youngest. This would make Sarah Gorsline the fifth child born to Samuel and Martha.²

Therefore Sarah Gorsline was likely born circa 1759, probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.³

Sarah Gorsline was presumably alive in 1782 at the time she is mentioned in her father Samuel's will. The will does not specify married names for any of Samuel's daughters, although a son-in-law George Adriance (husband of Elizabeth Gorsline according to other sources) is mentioned without identifying which of the daughters was his wife. So Sarah may or may not have been married in 1782. Subsequent to that time, no further record of Sarah has been found. A husband has not been identified, nor a death date nor burial place.⁴

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Endnotes

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²Samuel Gorsline will (1782-1784), 1784 Probate Samuel Gorsline Ancient Documents File No. 10953 and 10986: Dutchess County New York Surrogate, Dutchess County Archives, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess, New York 12601. Hereinafter cited as 1784 Probate Samuel Gorsline.

³Newtown Presbyterian Records, Marriages, 1750.

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