

## Individual Narrative of James<sup>6</sup> Gorsline [79] Son of Samuel Gorsline and Martha<sup>5</sup> Leverich [23]

Samuel Gorsline was the husband of Martha<sup>5</sup> Leverich [23]. They were married 3 March 1750 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, Queens County, New York.<sup>1</sup> 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 James Gorsline the seventh child born to Samuel and Martha.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, James was likely born circa 1763, probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.<sup>3,4</sup> James may have married an unknown person after 1784, probably in New York. The 1784 date assumes that James was a least 21 years old or more if and when he married.<sup>5,6</sup>

A James "Gosline" is found as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census in the town of Clinton, Dutchess Co, New York. The census tallies suggest that he had a family: 1 free white male under 16, two free white males age 16 and over, and four free white females. A James Gorsline is not found in Dutchess Co, New York in the 1800 U.S. Census.<sup>7,8</sup>

Another James "Gosline" is found in the 1790 U.S. Census in the town of Rochester, Ulster Co, New York. Ulster County borders Dutchess Co on the west bank of the Hudson River. This James Gorsline was likely a first cousin, the son of James Gorsline, the loyalist, who was a brother to Samuel Gorsline. The Ulster Co James Gorsline married a double first cousin, Martha Gorsline, who was the daughter of Joseph Gorsline (brother of Samuel Gorsline) and Sarah Leverich (sister of Martha Leverich). James Gorsline is also found in Ulster County in the 1800 and 1810 U.S. Censuses.<sup>9,10,11,12</sup>

On 16 April 1791 James Gorsline witnessed a deed between James Winans of North East Town, Dutchess Co, NY grantor and Simon Flagler of Clinton Town, Dutchess Co, NY grantee.<sup>13</sup>

The land of James Gorsline of Dutchess Co, NY is mentioned in the property description included in a deed dated 7 March 1797, Michael Vincent, grantor, to Hendrick Hilliker, Jr., grantee, of the Town of Clinton. No further references to James Gorsline are found in Dutchess Co, New York after 1797.<sup>14</sup>

He died after 1797 probably at New York State. Neither a specific date of death nor a place of burial have been determined for James.<sup>15</sup>

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. In the years 1799 and 1800, a James "Gosling" is listed on the tax rolls in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York. In both years, James' association with the assessed property is linked to William V. Dummond. The relationship of this James Gosling with James Gosline of Dutchess Co, New York in 1790 has not been determined.<sup>16</sup>

James is not found in the 1800 U.S. Census in Albany County, New York. The only James found in 1800 is James Gosline of Ulster Co, New York. However, William V. Dummond is found in the 1800 census in Ward 2 of Albany City, Albany Co, New York. The census tallies however do not indicate a second adult male living in the household. William's relationship to James Gosling has not been determined.<sup>17,18,19</sup>

William V. Dummond was apparently a British loyalist at the time of the War of 1812. William is recorded on a return to the Department of State of Alien enemies who have reported themselves to the Marshal of the District of New York from the second to the seventh of November 1812. The record indicates that William was 60 years old, had been living in the U.S. for 20 years, was then living in the town of Coeymans, Albany Co, New York with a wife and grandchildren. His occupation is listed as "Luit on half pay."<sup>20</sup>

James Quimby of Sandlake, Rensselaer County New York (adjacent to Albany County to the east) made a will dated 7 April 1824. The will names among several children his daughter Polly, wife of James Gorsline. The connection of this James Gorsline with the James of Dutchess Co in 1790 or the James of Albany Co in 1800 is not known. A James McKeown Gorsline (1798-1873) of Athens County Ohio was married to a Maria Quimby, according to unsourced Ancestry.com family trees. James M. Gorsline is described as the son of William Gorsline who came to Ohio from New York, after the decease of his wife Judith Way.<sup>21,22</sup>

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