

## Individual Narrative of Joseph<sup>6</sup> <Jose> Gorsline [81] Son of Samuel Gorsline and Martha<sup>5</sup> Leverich [23]

Joseph <Jose> Gorsline was born circa 1767 at Newtown, Queens, New York, probably the ninth and youngest 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. Samuel's will directs that son Richard receive one year of schooling, and son Joseph three years of schooling, at the expense of the estate. The 1767 birth date for Joseph Gorsline is a calculated date accordingly.<sup>1,2</sup>

Joseph Gorsline was presumably alive in 1782 at the time he is mentioned in his father Samuel's will. Subsequent to that time, no further specific record of Joseph has been found. A wife has not been identified, nor a death date nor burial place.<sup>3</sup> Joseph Gorsline died after 1782 probably in New York State.<sup>4</sup>

The 1790 and 1800 U.S. Censuses of Newtown, Queens County, New York list two Joseph Gorslines in each census. These two Joseph's have been identified as father and son. Joseph Gorsline Sr was the brother of Samuel Leverich and therefore the uncle of Joseph, the son of Samuel and Martha. No other Joseph Gorsline's are found in the 1790 and 1800 censuses.<sup>5,6</sup>

A Joseph Gorsline <aka Gauslin, Goslin>, born between 1766 and 1770 based upon census tallies, first appears in the 1810 Census at Springfield, Otsego Co, New York. He subsequently appears in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 U.S. Censuses in what is now Erie County, the town of Clarence, Niagara Co in 1820; the towns of Clarence and Newstead in Erie County in 1830 and 1840 respectively. This Joseph Gorsline died 19 August 1847, age 82 (hence born c 1765) and was buried at the Mount Olive Cemetery in Newstead, Erie County, New York. This Joseph Gorsline could be Joseph the son of Samuel and Martha, but no conclusive evidence has been found to support this theory, other than the fact that both Joseph's were born about 1767.<sup>7,8,9,10,11</sup>

Regarding Joseph of Otsego and Erie counties New York, an Ancestry.com Public Family Tree presented by Kimball G. Everingham identifies a first wife named Rebecca who died in 1824, as well as a second wife named Rebecca Nevins, and at least two children, Ezra P. and Henry.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Samuel 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.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>1790 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M637, Roll 6, Town of Newtown, pages 18 and 20.

<sup>6</sup>1800 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M32, Roll 25, Town of Newtown, pages 537 and 655.

<sup>7</sup>1810 U.S. Census New York, Otsego Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M252, Roll 34, Town of Springfield, page 223.

<sup>8</sup>1820 U.S. Census New York, Niagara Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M33, Roll 69, Town of Clarence, page 127A.

<sup>9</sup>1830 U.S. Census New York, Erie Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M19, Roll 114, Town of Clarence, page 75.

<sup>10</sup>1840 U.S. Census New York, Erie Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M704, Roll 280, Town of Newstead, page 392.

<sup>11</sup>Find A Grave, online <[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)>, Memorial No. 86749410. Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.

<sup>12</sup>Ancestry.com Family Trees, online <[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)>. Hereinafter cited as Ancestry.com Family Trees.