

Individual Narrative of James⁷ Whaley [109] Son of Alexander Whaley and Abigail⁶ Leverich [55]

James Whaley was born on 23 Jan 1779 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Alexander Whaley and Abigail Leverich. The birth date is documented in a Whaley Family Record, communicated by Mrs. Ida Whaley Strahan of Montclair, New Jersey in a 12 March 1924 letter to Dr. Charles K. Clearwater. A transcription of this record is appended to the *Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths of the Bushwick Reformed Church*. Dr. Clearwater was the minister for 28 years at the Colonial Reformed Church at Newtown. A review of that Church's records did not disclose any Whaley family records.^{1,2,3,4,5}

James died before 1832 at Bushwick, Kings, New York. He apparently died young, unmarried, and childless since he is not mentioned in his father's will prepared in 1832. His father's will names his deceased sons William and Thomas, and their children. The will does not mention his presumably deceased and childless children James and David, from his first marriage to Abigail Leverich. The will does name a living son James, a minor child, who would have been the child of Alexander Whaley's second marriage to Maria Pollard.⁶

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⁴Whaley, Alexander Family Record; Letter from Ida Whaley Strahan (Montclair, New Jersey) to Dr. Charles K. Clearwater, 12 March 1924; Bushwick Reformed Church Records (Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, New York), Volume 2, page 270.

⁵Josephine C Frost, compiler, *Baptismal Record of the Reformed Dutch Church at Newtown, Long Island, New York 1736 to 1846. Marriages by Rev. Garretson at Newtown from 1835 to 1846*. (Brooklyn, New York: Privately printed, 1913), No page citation. Hereinafter cited as *Reformed Dutch Church Newtown Baptisms*.

⁶Alexander Whaley will (17 May 1833), Volume 4, pages 265-269; Kings County, New York Surrogate, 2 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Hereinafter cited as 1833 Probate Alexander Whaley.