

Individual Narrative of John⁷ Whaley [112] Son of Alexander Whaley and Abigail⁶ Leverich [55]

John Whaley¹ was born on 22 Apr 1785 at Bushwick, Kings, 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.^{2,3,4,5}

John Whaley died circa 1810 at sea at the age of 25. The only source for John's death is an unsourced statement in the *English Record of the Whaley Family* by the Rev Samuel Whaley, published in 1901. No record has been found that John Whaley was married.⁶

John Whaley is not mentioned in his father's will, which was 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, John, and David from his first marriage to Abigail Leverich.⁷

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⁶Rev. Samuel Whaley, *English Record of the Whaley Family and its Branches in America* (Ithaca, New York: Andrus & Church, 1901), page 110. Hereinafter cited as *English Record of the Whaley Family*.

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