

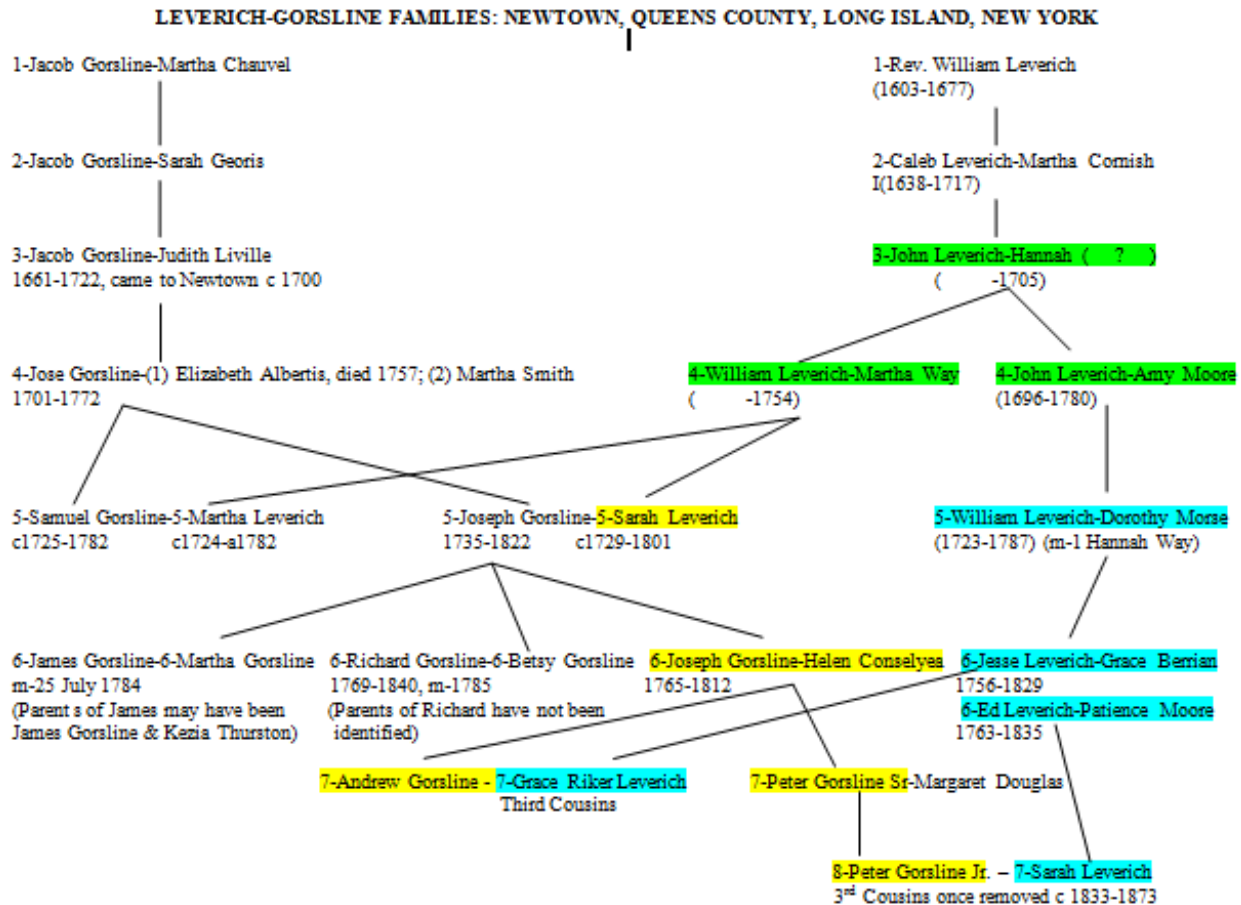
## Individual Narrative of Sarah<sup>7</sup> Leverich [145] Daughter of Edward<sup>6</sup> Leverich [60] and Patience Moore Wife of Peter Gorsline Jr.

Sarah Leverich was born circa 1833 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Edward Leverich and Patience Moore. The birth date is an estimate based upon Sarah's age as reported in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census. Sarah was probably baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, as was her sister Anna, however Sarah does not appear in the Church's baptism records.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Edward Leverich made a will dated 13 May 1835, which was proved at the Queens Co, Surrogate on 29 August 1835. One of the will's provisions granted the annual sum of one hundred fifty dollars to his five daughters, including Sarah Leverich.<sup>4</sup>

Sarah Leverich, age 17, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York, living in the household of her mother Patience Leverich, age 52. The household also includes her sister Anna Leverich, age 19; as well as a servant named Sarah Lang.<sup>5</sup>

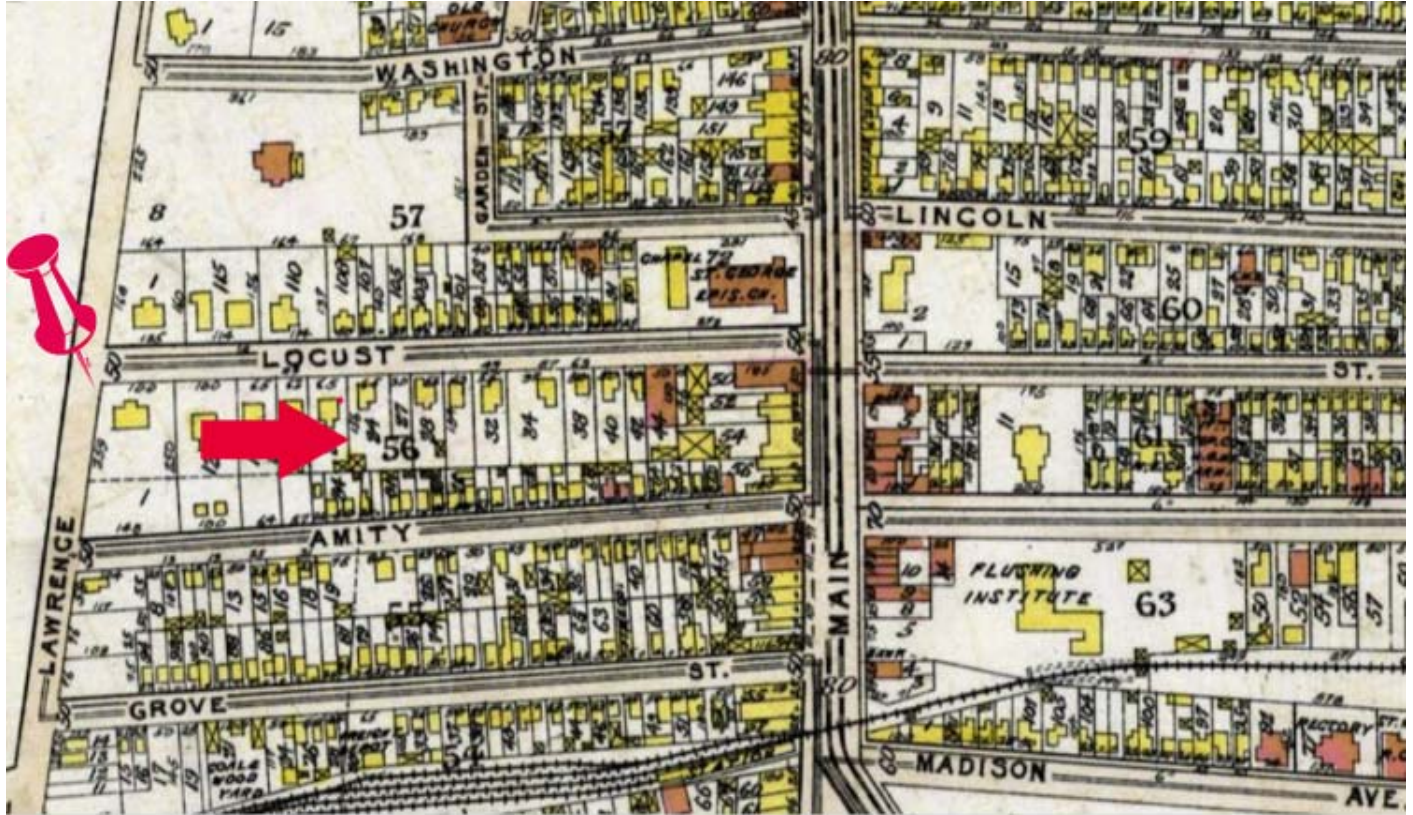
Sarah Leverich married Peter Gorsline Jr, son of Peter Gorsline Sr and Margaret Douglas, circa 1852 probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The marriage year is an estimate based upon the birth year (1854) of their first born child, Anna Leverich Gorsline. A specific marriage date and place of marriage has not been located.<sup>6</sup> Peter and Sarah were third cousins, once removed.



Peter Gorsline Jr was born 6 April 1832 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Peter Gorsline Sr and Margaret Douglas.<sup>7,8,9</sup> Peter Gorsline, age 19, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The head of household is Peter Gorsline, Sr, age 57; his second wife Anna, age 39; his sister Eva, age 47; and his daughter Louisa, age 17.<sup>10</sup>

Peter Gorsline, Jr, age 27, is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household includes his wife Sarah L, age 26; and daughters Anna and Margaret, ages 6 and 4.<sup>11</sup>

The 1864 and 1865 editions of the Long Island Directory list Peter Goslin and Peter Gosling, living at Locust corner of Lawrence in Flushing, Queens Co, New York.

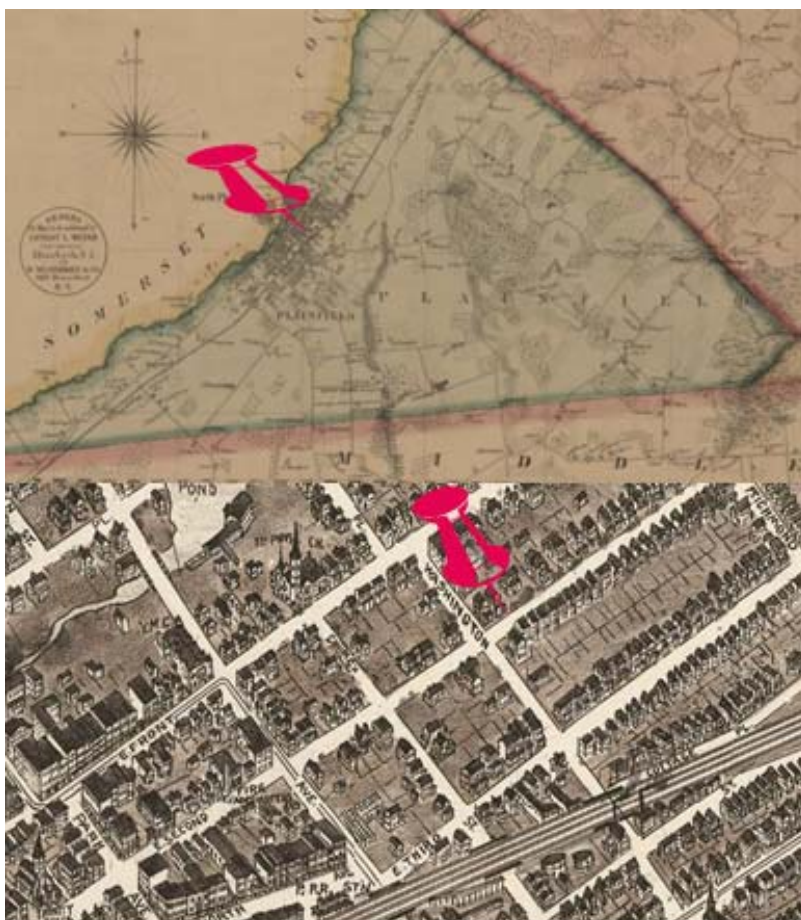


**Sarah Leverich & Peter Gorsline: Locust corner Lawrence 1864-1865**  
**Anna Luyster Leverich & J. Milnor Peck: 24 Locust St**  
**Flushing, Queens County, New York**

The 1866 and 1867 city directories do not record Peter Gorsline in either New York or New Jersey. The 1868 City Directory for Elizabeth, New Jersey records Peter Gorsline, bookkeeper (NY), home 2nd Street near Washington.<sup>12,13,14,15,16</sup>

Peter Gorsline, age 34 (actual age 38), bank clerk, is recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census in Ward 5, City of Elizabeth, Union Co, New Jersey. The household also includes his wife Sarah, age 30 (actual age 37); and daughters Anna L and Margaret G. Gorsline, ages 16 and 14.<sup>17</sup>

The 1872 Elizabeth NJ City Directory lists Peter Gorsline living at 44 Jefferson Avenue. The 1873 Plainfield, NJ City Directory list Peter Gorsline living at 2nd Street near Washington.<sup>18,19</sup>



**Second St near Washington  
Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey  
Peter Gorsline and Sarah Leverich 1868-1873**

Sarah Leverich Gorsline died on 5 Dec 1873 at Plainfield, Union, New Jersey at the age of 40. Sarah was buried at Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union Co, New Jersey.<sup>20,21,22</sup>

Peter Gorsline Jr. and Sarah Leverich had two children.<sup>23,24,25</sup>

- i. Anna Leverich Gorsline was born 10 April 1854 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Anna was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 6 July 1855. Anna died unmarried 9 March 1914 at Plainfield, Union Co, New Jersey. Anna was buried at the Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union Co, New York.<sup>26,27,28</sup>
- ii. Margaret Douglas Gorsline was born 9 December 1855 at Newtown Queens Co, New York. Margaret was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 28 September 1856. Margaret died unmarried 28 January 1940 at Plainfield, Union Co, New Jersey. Margaret was buried at Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union Co, New Jersey.<sup>29,30,31</sup>

Peter Gorsline Jr was the Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School at the Union Evangelical Church in Flushing from 3 June 1874 to 10 December 1875, and Superintendent from 10 December 1875 to 25 November 1877.<sup>32</sup>

Peter Gorsline Jr married for a second time about 1876 Elizabeth VanMater who was born in Tennant, Monmouth Co, New Jersey about 1841. The exact date and place of marriage has not been determined. The marriage year is an estimate based upon the birth year of Peter and Elizabeth's first child Eva who was born in 1878.<sup>33,34,35</sup>

The 1878-1879 Long Island Directory lists Peter Gorsline living at Amity Street in Flushing. Peter Gorsline is not found in the 1880 U.S. Census in either Queens Co, New York, or Union Co, New Jersey.<sup>36,37,38</sup>

On 29 November 1880 the Queens County, New York Surrogate granted to Henry S. Leverich letters of administration on the estate of his sister Jane P. Leverich, who had died 15 March 1868. Henry had petitioned the surrogate to replace his brother Charles P. Leverich, who had died 10 January 1876, as administrator of Jane's estate, some aspects of which had not yet been completed. Henry's petition listed heirs including Anna Gorsline and Margaret Gorsline, children of Henry's deceased sister Sarah Gorsline.<sup>39</sup>

The original will of Peter Gorsline Sr was proved at the Queens County Surrogate on 3 January 1859. Henry S. Leverich petitioned the Surrogate on January 22, 1881 to modify the court's decree of 11 June 1880 to grant Peter Gorsline Jr a 1/4 interest in his father's estate. Henry asserted that in an instrument dated 7 March 1876, Peter Gorsline Jr assigned his interest in the estate to Henry. The surrogate granted Henry's petition in a decree dated 10 February 1881. The estate was finally proved on 10 December 1881.<sup>40</sup>

Elizabeth VanMater Gorsline, second wife of Peter Gorsline Jr. died at the Laurel Hill section of the Town Newtown on 18 May 1882, at the age of 41. Her place of burial has not been determined. Services were at the residence of her mother in Laurel Hill, and her funeral took place at the Tennent Church, Monmouth Co, New Jersey.<sup>41,42</sup>



**Village of Laurel Hill, southern part of Town of Newtown  
Bordering on Newtown Creek  
1891 Topographical Map Queens County, New York**

Peter Gorsline Jr died 24 December 1884 at Flushing, Queens Co, New York, at the age of 51. Funeral services took place at the Reformed Church in Newtown, and Peter was buried in the Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union Co, New Jersey.<sup>43,44,45</sup>

Peter Gorsline Jr. and Elizabeth VanMater had two children.<sup>46</sup>

- i. Eva VanMater Gorsline was born March 1878 in New York. Eva died unmarried 19 November 1906 at New Brunswick, Middlesex Co, New Jersey at the age of 28. At the time of her death she was living with her maternal aunt Mrs. Peter W. Fick, 110 Livingston Avenue. Eva was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in New Brunswick.<sup>47,48,49</sup>
- ii. Ralph VanMater Gorsline was born 9 June 1879 in New Jersey. Ralph married Helen Brower 29 June 1910 in New Jersey. Ralph died 26 September 1945 at Seattle, King Co, Washington. Ralph's place of burial has not been identified.<sup>50,51,52,53</sup>

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