

Individual Narrative of Elizabeth⁷ Leverich [185] Daughter of Gabriel⁶ Leverich [67] and Hannah Thorpe Wife of Rem Remsen

Elizabeth Leverich was born between 1787 (her sister Hannah was born about 1786) and 1792 (Elizabeth was age 58 in the 1850 U.S. Census) in Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Elizabeth was the daughter of Gabriel Leverich and Hannah Thorpe.^{1,2,3} Elizabeth Leverich was baptized as a child 11 August 1800 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, in addition to her siblings Samuel, Sackett, Anna, and Gabriel.⁴

Elizabeth Leverich married Rem Remsen, son of Abraham Remsen and Mary Vorhees, on 14 Jan 1808 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁵

Rem Remsen was born 3 February 1788 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The birth date is a calculated estimate based upon Rem's age at the time he died.^{6,7,8} Rem Remsen was baptized 6 April 1788 at the Newtown Dutch Reformed Church, the son of Abraham Remsen.⁹

Rem Remsen is recorded as a head of household in the 1810 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies note (1 free white male under age 10, probably an infant that did not survive); 1 free white male age 16 to 25 (Rem); and 1 free white female age 16 to 25 (wife Elizabeth).¹⁰

Rem Remsen was enlisted as a private in the War of 1812, serving from 2 September to 2 December 1814, in Capt. Van Wyck Weeks Company of the Consolidated 64-93 Regiment commanded by Col. John A. Ditmars.^{11,12}

The Brooklyn Daily Argus, 22 March 1881, reported that Mr. Benjamin L. Remsen (son of Rem Remsen and Elizabeth Leverich) was about to present to the Long Island Historical Society the bayonet carried by his grandfather, Major Abram Remsen, in the Revolution, and by his father, Rem Remsen, in the War of 1812. The musket to which the bayonet belongs is six feet long and carries an inch ball.¹³

Rem Remsen is recorded as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies note 2 free white males under age 10 (son Abraham L, and possibly son Benjamin L who although identified as born about 1822, may have been born earlier); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (Rem); 1 free white female age 10 to 15 (daughter Elizabeth, aka Sally, or daughter Susan; one of the daughters is living in a different household, or the census tally is incorrect); 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Elizabeth).¹⁴

Rem Remsen is recorded as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies note 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son Abraham age 15 and son Benjamin age 8); 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (Rem); 2 free white females age 15 to 19 (daughter Elizabeth aka Sally age 20 and daughter Susan age 18); 1 free white female age 40 to 49 (wife Elizabeth age 38 to 43).¹⁵

On 12 February 1839 Gabriel Leverich, brother of Elizabeth Leverich Remsen, made a will which granted a one third share of his estate to his sister Mrs. Elizabeth Remsen.¹⁶

Rem Remsen is recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies note 1 free white male under age 5 (probably grandson Abraham Remsen Lawrence, born about 1837, son of Susan Remsen wife of Elliot Lawrence; Susan had died 14 June 1839); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (son Benjamin L); 1 free white male age 50 to 59 (Rem); 1 free white female age 40 to 49 (wife Elizabeth age 48 to 53). Children Elizabeth (Sally), Susan, and Abraham L were all married and out of the household in the 1830's.¹⁷

The household of Rem Remsen is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The family members included Rem, age 63, farmer; Elizabeth Remsen, age 58, wife of Rem; son Benjamin Remsen, age 38, laborer; and grandson Abraham Remsen Lawrence, age 13.¹⁸

In 1850 Elizabeth and Rem Rensen lived east of Newtown village on the road from Newtown to Flushing. The neighboring homes are reflected in both the 1850 U.S. Census as well as James Riker's 1852 map of Newtown. These homes include Rem Rensen (household number 316-434); Robert Thompkins (317-435); Michael Covert (319-437); Martha Vandevveer (323-441); William G. Kowenhoven (325-443); and John Thompkins (327-445).^{19,20}



Rem Rensen and Elizabeth Leverich: 1850 Census and Riker's 1852 Map of Newtown

On 23 October 1857, the following legal notice was published in the Albany (NY) Evening Journal. "You and each of you are hereby cited and required to appear before our surrogate of the county of Kings at his office in the city hall, in the city of Brooklyn on the twenty first day of December 1857 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and to attend the final settlement of the account of Andrew Gorsline and Samuel Leverich, as executors of the last will and testament of Gabriel Leverich, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased. The summons was dated 8 September 1857. The notice includes a comprehensive list of the parties with an interest in the estate, including among others Rem Rensen, but not including his wife Elizabeth Leverich Rensen."^{21,22}

Elizabeth Leverich Rensen likely died between 1850 and 1857. This conclusion is based upon the fact that Elizabeth appears in the 1850 U.S. Census, but is not listed in the 1857 summons to appear at the Kings County Surrogate relative to the estate of her brother Gabriel Leverich. No other record of the death or burial of Elizabeth has been found.^{23,24}

Another Elizabeth Rensen appears in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York, living with her sister Mary Rensen. This Elizabeth also appears with her sister Mary in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, and died 17 October 1873 and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, where her sister Mary had been buried in 1866. Although so listed in several on-line references, this Elizabeth who died in 1873 could not have been the wife of Rem Rensen.^{25,26,27,28}

Rem Remsen died 9 July 1866 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery. An October 31, 2018 telecom to the cemetery confirmed the burial there of Rem Remsen, but shows no record of a burial for Elizabeth Leverich Remsen.^{29,30}

Elizabeth Leverich Remsen and Rem Remsen of Newtown, Queens Co, New York had four children who survived to adulthood.^{31,32,33,34}

- i. Sarah (aka Sally) Remsen was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York circa 1810. Sarah married 1 May 1836 William Anderton at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Sarah died between 1860 and 1870, probably at Newtown. A specific date of death or burial has not been determined.^{35,36,37,38,39}
- ii. Susan Remsen was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York circa 1812 (born between siblings Sarah aka Sally born c 1810 and Abraham Lawrence Remsen born c 1815). Susan married 7 December 1836 Elliot Lawrence at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Susan died 14 June 1839 at Newtown. Susan and Elliot had one child born about 1837, Abraham Remsen Lawrence. This child should not be confused with Abraham Lawrence Remsen, Susan's brother, born about 1815. Elliot Lawrence remarried and had additional children: in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, wife Harriet; and children William, John, and Hannah.^{40,41,42,43}
- iii. Abraham Lawrence Remsen was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York circa 1815. Abraham married about 1841 Margaret Powell in either Queens or Kings Counties, New York. Abraham died between 1878 and 1880 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Abraham is named in an 1878 legal notice, and his wife Margaret is identified as a widow in the 1880 U.S. Census of Kings Co.^{44,45,46,47,48}
- iv. Benjamin Leverich Remsen was born in Newtown, Queens Co, New York 9 August 1822. Benjamin married 18 July 1850 Barbara Anderton in Newtown. Benjamin died 3 March 1904 in Newtown, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Churchyard.^{49,50,51,52,53}

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