## Individual Narrative of Gabriel<sup>7</sup> Leverich [190] Son of Gabriel<sup>6</sup> Leverich [67] and Hannah Thorpe

Gabriel Leverich was born on 18 Dec 1799 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Gabriel Leverich and Hannah Thorpe. The birth date is a calculated estimate based upon Gabriel's age at the time he died.<sup>1,2,3</sup> Gabriel Leverich was baptized 11 August 1800 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, along with his siblings Samuel, Elizabeth, Anna, and Sackett.<sup>4</sup>

Gabriel Leverich Jr, a free white male age 10-15, is likely in his father's household, Gabriel Leverich Sr, 1810 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York.<sup>5</sup>

Gabriel Leverich was listed as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. The census tallies however do not match up, i.e. they do not reflect a free white male age 21. However, the Brooklyn City Directory includes a Gabriel Leverich in 1822-1823 and subsequent years. The 1820 U.S. Census does include his father Gabriel Leverich Sr in Newtown, Queens Co, New York.<sup>6,7,8,9</sup>

Gabriel Leverich is listed in the 1822-1823 Brooklyn City Directory, a saddler located at 48 Fulton St.<sup>10,11</sup>

On 13 July 1823 Charles Lockwood, baker of Brooklyn and Susan his wife, sold land in Brooklyn to Gabriel Leverich in consideration of \$400: land fronting Hicks Street, bordered on the rear by the land of the heirs of Carey Ludlow, northeasterly by the land of Alexander Birbeck; 25 feet front and rear, 74 feet on southwesterly side, 76 feet on the northeasterly side. The sale was subject to the payment by Lockwood of a \$500 mortgage held by Jacob M. Hicks and John M. Hicks. The deed was recorded 1 August 1823.<sup>12</sup>

Gabriel Leverich is listed in the Brooklyn City Directory, 1824 to 1826, a saddler at Fulton Street (numbers 16, 13, 15), residing at 18 Hicks Street.<sup>13,14,15</sup>

Gabriel Leverich is listed in the Brooklyn City Directory 1829, saddler at 23 Fulton Street, residing at 22 Hicks Street.<sup>16</sup>

The 1830 U.S. Census of Brooklyn Ward 1, Kings Co, New York tallies 2 free white males age 15-19, and three free white males age 20-29. One of the latter is likely Gabriel Leverich, age 31. The remaining male household members are likely apprentices and/or journeymen in Gabriel's saddler business. The census tallies also include two free white females age 20 to 29. Gabriel was never married, so these two free white females may have been Gabriel's unmarried sisters Sarah and Ann, although they would have been ages 47 and 41. The left margin of the census record is annotated Hicks Street.<sup>17</sup>

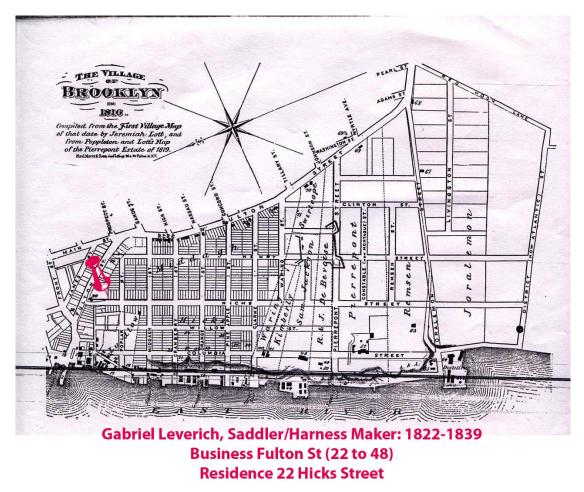
The Brooklyn City Directory 1830-1832 lists Gabriel Leverich, saddler at 23 Fulton Street, residing at 22 Hicks St.<sup>18,19</sup>

In a deed dated 31 January 1834 Joseph Moser and wife Rachel of Brooklyn, and Losee Van Nostrand and Elizabeth his wife, sold land in Brooklyn located on Fulton Street bordering the land of Nathaniel Gardiner to Gabriel Leverich, in consideration of \$4200, less the unspecified value of a mortgage. The deed was recorded 8 February 1834.<sup>20</sup>

In a deed dated 22 July 1834 Nathaniel Gardiner and his wife Eliza of East Hampton, Suffolk Co, New York sold land in Brooklyn to Gabriel Leverich located on Fulton Street, bordering the land of Evert Barkelow, Doughty Street, and Milis Wood, in consideration of \$5000. The deed was recorded 1 August 1834.<sup>21</sup>

In a deed dated 1 August 1834 Gabriel Leverich of Brooklyn sold land in Brooklyn to Joshua Talford of Brooklyn, in consideration of \$5072, the same lot sold to Gabriel on 31 January 1834. The deed was recorded 4 August 1834.<sup>22</sup>

The Brooklyn City Directory for the years 1833 to 1836 includes the following listings: Gabriel Leverich, harness maker, residence 22 Hicks Street; Leverich and Coon saddlers and harness makers 33 Fulton Street; Leverich, Coon, and Welsh, harness makers, 33 Fulton Street.<sup>23,24,25</sup>



The Brooklyn City Directory for the years 1837 to 1839 includes the following listings: Gabriel Leverich, harness maker, residence 22 Hicks St; Leverich and Welsh, harness makers, 9 Front Street.<sup>26,27,28</sup>

Gabriel Leverich died unmarried on 20 Feb 1839 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, at age 39 years, 2 months, and 2 days. Gabriel was initially buried in the Leverich Family Burial Ground in Queens Co, but was subsequently reinterred at an unknown date in the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery.<sup>29,30,31</sup>

The Brooklyn City Directory 1839-1840 lists Sarah Leverich, 22 Hicks St. Sarah and Ann Leverich, unmarried sisters of Gabriel, had apparently been sharing a residence with Gabriel for an undetermined period of time.<sup>32</sup>

Gabriel Leverich made a will dated 12 February 1839, which was accepted for probate at the Kings County, New York Surrogate on 27 May 1839. Gabriel's will provided that: to sisters Sarah and Ann lands for life and annuity of \$700 ("house and lot where he currently lives with his sisters Sarah and Ann Leverich"); to brother Samuel \$3,000; to nephew Gabriel, son of said brother Samuel, \$1000; balance of estate in trust for benefit of said sisters and to sister Mrs. Elizabeth Remsen and sister Mrs. Hannah Elderd, and to the children of his deceased brother Benjamin. In a codicil dated the next day 13 February 1839, Gabriel directed that brother Sackett should not share in the estate. No reason is provided for excluding Sackett. His brother Samuel, and friend Andrew Gorsline were named executors. Witnesses were N. B. Morse, attorney, and Abraham Van Nostrand of Brooklyn. Brother Samuel of Chemung Co, New York made application

for probate to the Kings Co, New York Surrogate on 27 May 1839. In the petition, Samuel names brother Sackett, address unknown; four sisters: Sarah and Ann Leverich of Brooklyn; Hannah, wife of John Elderd of New York; and Elizabeth, wife of Rem Remsen of Newtown, Queens Co, New York; all of age; and also three children of Benjamin Leverich, a deceased brother, John T., Evelyn, and Theodore Leverich, minors, of Newark, New Jersey.<sup>33</sup>

On 28 August 1848, a decree was issued by the Kings Co, New York Surrogate in the matter of a final accounting of the estate of Gabriel Leverich, as established by the executors of the estate Samuel Leverich and Andrew Gorsline. The decree named the following heirs to the estate: Theodore Leverich, minor child, son of deceased brother Benjamin Leverich; sisters Sarah Leverich, Ann Leverich; Elizabeth Remsen, wife Rem Remsen, and Hannah Elderd, wife of John Elderd; Gabriel Leverich, son of brother Samuel Leverich; John Leverich, son of deceased brother Benjamin Leverich; Evenline Dunham, wife of Henry Dunham, and daughter of deceased brother Benjamin Leverich.<sup>34</sup>

On 21 December 1857, a decree was issued by the Kings Co, New York Surrogate in the matter of a final accounting of the estate of Gabriel Leverich, as established by the the executors of the estate Samuel Leverich and Andrew Gorsline. Hannah Elderd, Elizabeth Remsen, and Benjamin Leverich were deceased siblings of Gabriel. The decree named the following heirs to the estate: Sarah Leverich, Ann Leverich, Abraham L. Remsen, Ann Eliza Elderd, Hannah Elderd, George W. Elderd, John Lee, son of John Elliott Lee; Rem Remsen, William Anderton and wife Sarah, John T. Leverich, Asa W. W. Dunham and wife Evelina; Samuel L. Elderd, Jesse Shadbolt and wife Susan, Jordan Elderd, Robert Jeffrey and wife Sarah, Abraham R. Lawrence, George Lee, Eveline Leverich, Laura Leverich, Anna Leverich, Elliott Lawrence; personal representatives of Theodore Leverich, deceased; and personal representatives of Mary E. Elderd Lee, deceased.<sup>35</sup>

Ann Leverich, sister of Gabriel Leverich, died 13 December 1874. Letters of administration were granted to nephew John T. Leverich on Ann's estate 7 January 1875. The following survivors, all nieces and nephews, were named in the estate papers: Gabriel Leverich, Brooklyn, NY; Simeon B. Leverich, Brooklyn, NY; Jesse Leverich, Elmira, NY; Mary G, wife of Robert J. Knox; George Elderd, New York City; Fannie L Elderd, Bridgeport, CT; Hannah Elderd, New York City; Annn Eliza Elderd, New York City; Amanda Jeffreys, San Francisco, CA; Susan Shadbaet (spelling ?), Bridgeport, CT; Benjamin Remsen, Newtown, NY; Abraham Remsen, New York City.

On 13 August 1878 a legal notice was published in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* relative to litigation in the Kings Co, New York Supreme Court, pertaining to property formerly owned by Gabriel Leverich deceased, i.e. the lots at Hicks Street and 20 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, plus three lots in Ward 2 in Brooklyn. The parties to the litigation are named as follows. The plaintiffs were John T. Leverich and Laura his wife; Abraham L. Remsen; Benjamin L. Remsen and Barbara C. his wife; Abraham R. Lawrence and Bessie his wife; Elizabeth Anderton and Charles W. Anderton her husband; Sarah E. Bunting and Joseph Bunting her husband. The defendants were Gabriel Leverich and Caroline his wife; Simeon B. Leverich and Amelia his wife; Jesse Leverich and Mary his wife; Mary G. Knox and Robert J. Knox her husband; George W. Elderd and Anna his wife; Hannah Elderd; Ann F. Elderd; Sarah A. Jeffrey; Susan L. Shadbolt and Jesse Shadbolt her husband; Samuel L. Elderd and Hannah Maria his wife; George Lee; Hannah J Elderd; George H Elderd; Alice M. Elderd; Amanda Elderd; Irene Elderd; Anne R. Elderd (daughter of Jordan); Laura Leverich (daughter of Theodore); Eva D. Crane and Caleb G. Crane her husband; Mary A. Leverich (daughter of Theodore); Augustus A. Leverich; Thomas E. Lyde, as executor of the last will and testament of Abraham Tanner, deceased; William Finey; Henry Hoffman; and Margaret Remsen, wife of the plaintiff Abraham L. Remsen. This notice was published 39 years after the death of Gabriel Leverich. No explanation for the delay in resolving Gabriel's estate has been determined.<sup>37</sup>

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