

Individual Narrative of John⁷ Burroughs [198] Son of Susannah⁶ Leverich [69] and Thomas Burroughs

John Burroughs was born circa 1798 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Susannah Leverich and Thomas Burroughs, as per James Riker Jr.'s *Annals of Newtown*. The birth year is a calculated date based upon the birth years and birth order of John's four siblings.¹

John Burroughs, son of Thomas Burroughs, was baptized 15 November 1804 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. This baptismal record is the only primary source found that identifies John as the son of Thomas and Susannah. Neither a marriage date and place, identity of a spouse, nor a death and burial place and date have been discovered for this John Burroughs. It is not known if John had any children.²

A search of the 1850 U.S. Census Index at Ancestry.com was conducted for John Burroughs, using the following search criteria: born circa 1798 +/- 5 years in New York State, location all U.S. states. This search generated five results. Three of these results could possibly be John Burroughs son of Thomas and Susan, but the evidence is not conclusive for any of the three. The remaining two results were ruled out based upon other criteria, which are discussed below.³

1. 1850 U.S. Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York: John Burroughs, born circa 1798, New York State; wife Elizabeth age 51, son John H., age 18. This John Burroughs is not found in either the 1860 U.S. Census nor the 1870 U.S. Census.⁴
2. 1850 U.S. Census, Kensington Ward 2, Philadelphia Co, Pennsylvania: John Burroughs, born circa 1798, New York State; wife Louisa, age 48; son Benjamin, age 18, daughter Emeline, age 9. This John Burroughs is not found in either the 1860 U.S. Census nor the 1870 U.S. Census.⁵
3. 1850 U.S. Census, Columbia, Jackson Co, Michigan: John H. Burroughs, born circa 1798, New York State; wife Sally Burroughs, age 49; son Charles, age 16; daughter Paulina, age 13; daughter Emeline, age 11; daughter Mary, age 9; son John, age 8; daughter Sarah, age 6. This John Burroughs is not found in either the 1860 U.S. Census nor the 1870 U.S. Census.⁶
4. 1850 U.S. Census, Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York State: John Burroughs, born circa 1798, New York State; wife Maria, age 46; daughter Elizabeth age 17; son John, age 10. This John Burroughs is ruled out because of the following facts: born Westchester Co, NY (1865 and 1875 New York State Census); sister Esther Giley, age 68, born Dutchess Co, NY (1865 New York State Census); parents were born in England (1880 Mortality Schedule). This John Burroughs died in 1879, his wife Maria is recorded as a widow in the 1880 U.S. Census of Fishkill.^{7,8,9,10,11}
5. 1850 U.S. Census, Cambridge, Washington Co, New York State: John Burroughs, born circa 1798, New York State; wife Sarah C, age 47; son Abram B, age 23; son John, age 16; son Charles, age 13; son David H, age 9; daughter Mary J., age 7. This John Burroughs is ruled out because of the following fact: parents David and Nancy Agnes Burroughs (findagrave.com, John died 20 October 1855, Boone Co, Illinois).^{12,13}

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Endnotes

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⁵1850 U.S. Census Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Roll 818, Kensington, Ward 2, page 94B.

⁶1850 U.S. Census Michigan, Jackson Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Roll 352, Town of Columbia, page 413A.

⁷1850 U.S. Census New York, Dutchess Co, Ancestry.com, Town of Fishkill, page 100A.

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¹⁰1880 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules 1850-1885. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, T9, Roll 824, Fishkill, Dutchess Co, NY, ED 40.

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¹²1850 U.S. Census New York, Washington Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Roll 611, Town of Cambridge, page 392A.

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