

Individual Narrative of Richard⁸ Berrian Leverich Jr. [224]
Son of Richard⁷ Berrian Leverich Sr. [122] and Mary Van Wickel
Husband of Sarah Maria Schenck
Husband of Hannah Hopper (aka Harper)
Husband of Jane Bingham

Richard Berrian Leverich was born on 15 August 1809 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.¹ Richard Berrian Leverich was the son of Richard Berrian Leverich Sr <7-122> and Mary Van Wickel, and the grandson of Jesse Leverich <6-57> and Gashe Berrian. This Richard Berrian Leverich <8-224>, who lived in Newtown, Queens Co, New York **went by his middle name, i.e. Berrian Leverich** in order to distinguish himself from his first cousin twice removed, i.e. Richard Berrian Leverich <8-340> and his wife Margaret M. Schoonmaker, who lived in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. This Richard was the son of a different Richard Berrian Leverich Sr. <7-179> and Alletta Vandervoort, and grandson of Samuel Leverich <6-66> and his wife Sarah Berrian. Gashe Berrian and Sarah Berrian were both the daughters of Richard Berrian and Grace Riker.²

Interestingly, both Richard Berrian Leverich's were baptized together on the same day 8 October 1809 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. The church record states "Richard Berrien, son of Richard Leverich; and Richard Berrien, son of Richard B. Leverich". It is not possible to determine which Richard is which.³

On 24 November 1832, Berrian Leverich married for the first time at the Newtown Presbyterian Church Sarah Maria Schenck, daughter of Moses Schenck and Rebecca Underhill. Rebecca was the daughter of Jonathan Underhill and Hannah Hyatt. Hannah Hyatt, widow Underhill, became the second wife of Joseph Gorsline, whose first wife was Sarah Leverich <5-26>.^{4,5,6}

Berrian Leverich is identified as Richard B. Leverich in documents associated with the probate of the estate of his grandfather Jesse Leverich: "Discharge of Executors" 14 June 1833, and "Discharge by Grandchildren" 4 March 1842.^{7,8}

Sarah M. Schenck Leverich died of consumption on 9 February 1838 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York at the age of 23 (hence born circa 1815). Sarah was buried at the Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{9,10}



Berrian Leverich and Sarah Maria Schenck had two children, one of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Moses Edgar Leverich was born 21 September 1833 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. His mother died in 1838 and Moses was taken into the care of his maternal grandparents Moses Schenck and Rebecca Underhill. When Moses E. Leverich turned age 21 in 1854, he and his grandfather Moses petitioned the Queens County Surrogate Court to approve a name change from Moses E. Leverich to Moses E. Schenck. The petition was approved. Moses may have married for the first time an unidentified woman referred to in the Newtown Presbyterian Church records as a "Mrs. Schenck" who died at Newtown 4 August 1857. Moses, identified in a church record as a widower, married for a second time Adeline Smith 17 February 1858 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Moses died 2 March 1903 at Brooklyn, Kings County, New York and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{11,12,13,14,15,16}
- ii. On 25 August 1838, an infant daughter of Berrian Leverich died, as per the records of the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹⁷

Berrian Leverich was recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census in the Town of Newtown, Queens County, New York. There are two individuals tallied in the household: 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (Berrian Leverich); and 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (unidentified).¹⁸

Berrian Leverich married a "Miss Hopper" on 25 Jan 1843 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, according to the records of the Newtown Presbyterian Church. The 1911 death certificate for their daughter Phoebe B. Brown identifies her mother as Hannah Harper.^{19,20}

Hannah Hopper/Harper Leverich died at Newtown 16 August 1849 according to the records of the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Her place of burial has not been identified.²¹

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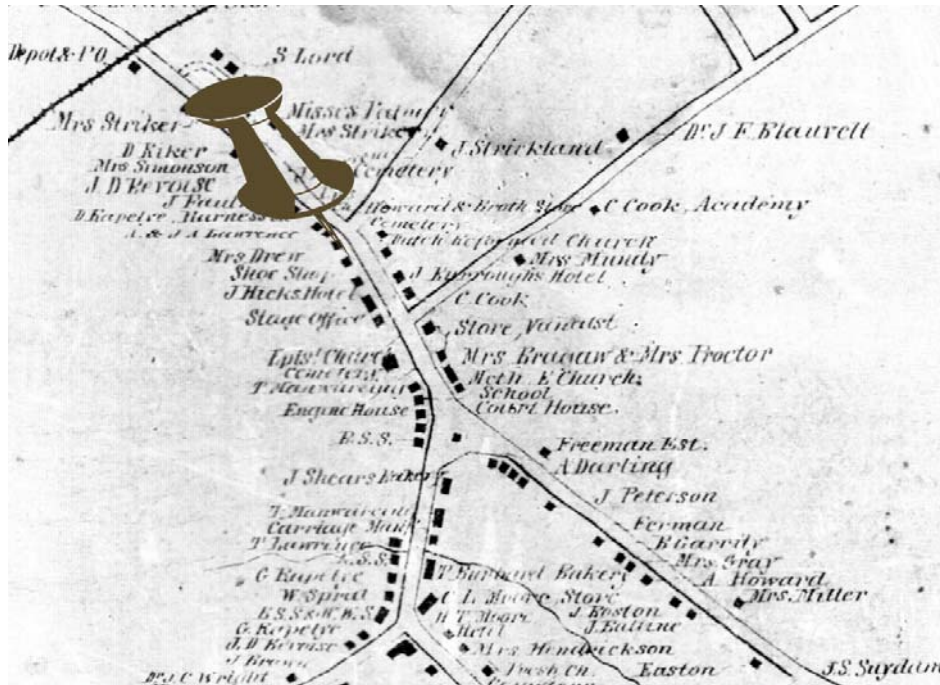
- iii. Phoebe B. Leverich was born in January 1845 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. Phoebe married for the first time Lewis M. Clark 24 May 1861 at the 3rd Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. Phoebe married for the second time James L. Brown circa 1872-1874, probably in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Phoebe had no children by either of her two marriages. Lewis M. Clark is listed in the New York City Directory in 1870 and 1871, then disappears. James L. Brown is listed in the New York City Directories for 1874 to 1876, then disappears. Phoebe B. Brown is identified as a widow in the 1880 U.S. Census of Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Phoebe B. Brown is identified as the widow of James L. Brown in the 1883 & 1885 New York City Directories. Phoebe B. Brown died 29 May 1911 at the New York City Home for the Aged and Infirm located on Blackwell's Island, Manhattan, New York County, New York. Phoebe was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.^{22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33}
- iv. John Gibson Leverich was born 4 May 1847 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. He likely died as a child between 1850 and 1860. John is listed as age 3 in the 1850 U.S. Census with his father, but is not listed in his father's household in the 1860 U.S. Census, both in Newtown. A place of burial has not been determined for John Gibson Leverich.^{34,35,36}

Berrian Leverich, a farmer age 45, was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household includes daughter Phoebe age 6 and son John age 3. The household also includes Jane Bingham, age 28 born in Ireland. No occupation is listed for Jane and her relationship within the household cannot be determined. The census enumerator in this case displays a pattern of not listing occupations for women. Since Berrian was a widower at the time, it is possible that Jane was a housekeeper and caregiver for Berrian's children. It was not uncommon for private families at the time to hire young Irish women as live-in household help.³⁷

Berrian Leverich married Jane Bingham between 1850 and 1860 at Newtown, Queens, New York.^{38,39} On 30 May 1855, Mary Van Wickel Leverich, widow of Richard B. Leverich Sr. filed an application for bounty land based upon Richard's military service in the War of 1812. Mary's declaration identifies Richard B. Leverich Jr as her son, among other siblings.⁴⁰

The records of St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown, Queens Co, New York identify Mrs. B. Leverich as a church member in 1859. Elizabeth Duncan, who will be subsequently identified as a sister of Jane Bingham Leverich, is also listed as a church member in 1859, recorded adjacent to Mrs. B. Leverich.⁴¹

Berrian Leverich, a carpenter age 48, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The household included Jane B. Leverich (wife); Phebe B. Leverich (daughter); and Elizabeth Dunkin, age 39 servant.⁴²



1859 Welling Map Newtown, Queens Co, NY
1860 U.S. Census: Berrian Leverich
Vicinity of Edward Howard, Sarah Drew, Jackson Hicks

Berrian Leverich died between 1860 and 1870 probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. A specific date and place of death and burial has not been determined. Berrian is listed in the 1860 Census but not the 1870 or 1880 Census.^{43,44,45}

The records of St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown, Queens Co, New York identify Mrs. B. Leverich as a church member in 1863 and Mrs. Berrian Leverich as a church member in 1868. Mrs. Duncan is also listed as a church member in 1868, recorded adjacent to Mrs. Berrian Leverich.⁴⁶

The 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York lists Jane Leverich, age 48, upholstress; and Elizabeth Duncan, age 69 keeping house, both born in Dublin, Ireland.⁴⁷

James S. Leverich, a brother of Berrian Leverich, made a will dated 19 December 1879, in Port Hope, Ontario Province, Canada. His will identifies heirs including "Moses E. Schenck and Phoebe Brown, children of deceased brother Richard B. Leverich, aka Berrian Leverich."⁴⁸

Jane Leverich, widow, is recorded as a housekeeper in the 1880 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Her age is incorrectly given as 40; it was actually 60. Sharing the household is Jane's sister Elizabeth Dunkin, age 80, both in Ireland.⁴⁹

The Newtown Register dated 15 November 1888 reported that "Mrs. Jane Leverich for many years a resident of Newtown Village, died in a New York hospital last Saturday (11 November 1888), after undergoing an operation for the removal of a cancer. She was 84 years of age (actually 66, born c 1822 per 1850 U.S. Census)." Jane's burial place has not been located.⁵⁰

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