

**Individual Narrative of Ellison<sup>8</sup> Leverich [233]**  
**Son of William<sup>7</sup> Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett**  
**Husband of Phebe A. Spencer**

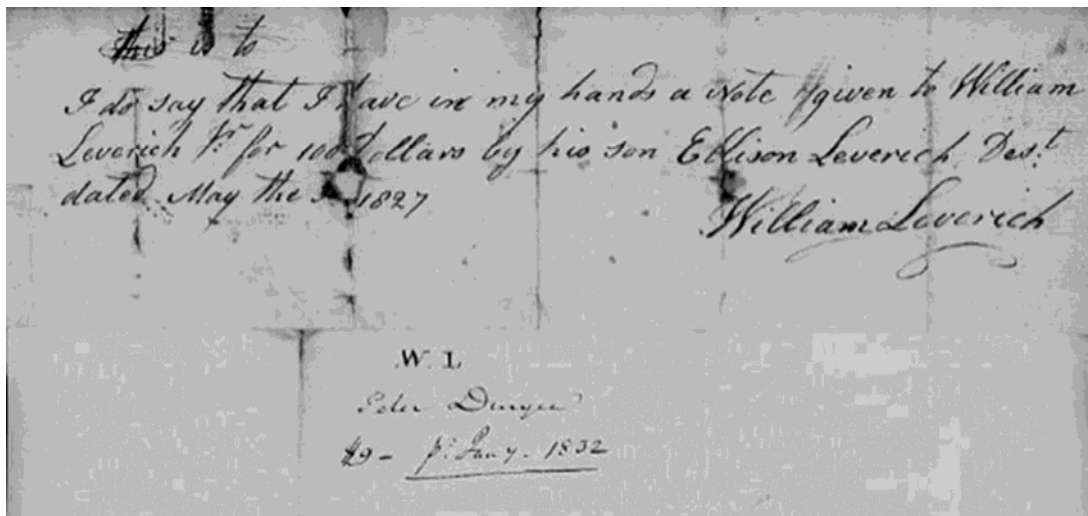
Ellison Leverich was born circa 1805 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the son of William Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett. Ellison's birth year is based upon his burial record at findagrave.com which indicates that he died in his 23rd year in 1828.<sup>1</sup>

In this time period, there are three distinct William Leverich's living at Newtown. William<sup>6</sup> Leverich [59] (referred to as "Senior" in some records), 1760-1831, farmer and justice of the peace, husband of Cornelia Duryee; William<sup>6</sup> Leverich [68] (referred to as "Junior" in some records), c 1768-1835, a mason as per James Riker Jr and an 1827 deed, husband of Alletta whose surname has not been identified; and William<sup>7</sup> Leverich [123] (referred to as "3rd" in some records), 1783-1854, coach maker, husband of Anna Lawrence Sackett and Hannah Pettit, widow of Jacob Sackett.

The designations Senior, Junior, and 3rd were apparently based upon age, rather than filial relationship. William "Senior" and William "Junior" were first cousins. William "3rd" was a nephew of William "Senior", a first cousin once removed to William "Junior". In some instances, a record in the name of William Leverich during this time period cannot be definitively attributed to a specific William Leverich.<sup>2,3</sup>

In a deed dated 3 May 1827 William Leverich Jr, mason of Newtown, Queens Co, New York sold 6 acres of land in Newtown to Ellison Leverich, shoemaker of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, in consideration of \$300. This tract of land was located northerly by the road or highway and common burial place; easterly by land of Benjamin Betts; southerly by meadow land of Timothy Roach and the old main ditch leading to Daniel D. Rapelye's mills; and westerly by land of William Hunter. The deed was witnessed by Jacob Field and recorded on 3 May 1827.<sup>4</sup>

The estate account papers of William Leverich Sr, who died 1831, at the Queens County, New York Surrogate include a note given to William Leverich Jr by his son Ellison Leverich in the amount of \$100 dated May 1827.<sup>5</sup>



Estate of William Leverich Sr. 1841  
Queens County, New York Surrogate: Accounts 1838-1841, Image 683 of 789

This 1827 deed and "note" suggests that Ellison was the son of William Leverich Jr. This is an example of the difficulties associated with identifying the three William Leverich's living at Newtown at the same time. However, it is more likely that Ellison Leverich was the son of William Leverich III, who was a first cousin once removed to William Leverich Jr. Ellison was born about 1805, and this date better fits the birth date pattern of the children of William III, who married for the first time in 1804, then that of William Jr. Also, the children of William Leverich Jr were baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, but no baptism record for Ellison is found among that Church's records.<sup>6,7</sup>

Ellison Leverich married Phebe Spencer on 26 December 1827 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, at the First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. William T. Hamilton. Both parties were living in Newark at the time they married.<sup>8,9,10</sup>

Phebe Spencer Leverich was born circa 1809 as per U.S Census records 1850, 1860, and 1870. Phebe's parents have not been identified.<sup>11,12,13,14</sup>

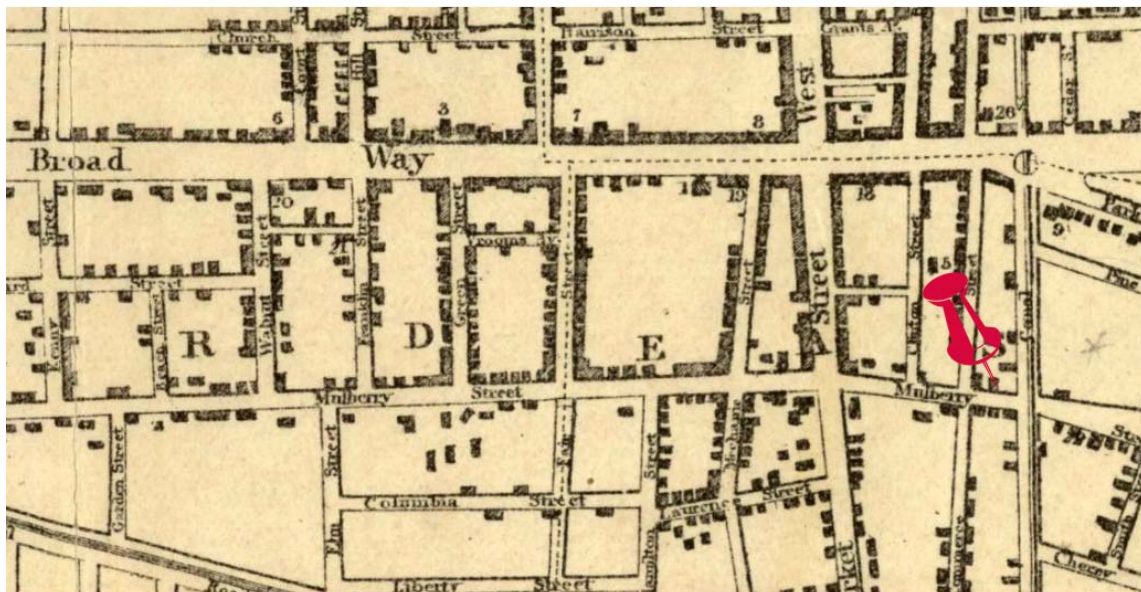
Ellison Leverich died on 29 July 1828 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Ellison was buried at the First Presbyterian Church graveyard in Newark.<sup>15,16,17</sup>

Ellison Leverich and Phebe Spencer were married only seven months when Ellison died. Ellison and Phebe had no known children.<sup>18,19</sup>

On 20 August 1828 James Whittemore was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Ellison Leverich in Essex County, New Jersey. An Inventory of the estate was taken on 21 August 1828 and was filed with the Surrogate of Essex County on 4 December 1828.<sup>20</sup>

On 26 August 1828 a notice was published in the newspaper *Centinel of Freedom* in Newark, New Jersey announcing the auction of the personal property associated with the estate of Ellison Leverich, deceased.<sup>21</sup>

On 24 March 1829 James Whittemore, administrator of the estate of Ellison Leverich, sold land belonging to the estate to Luther Goble of Newark. Ellison's estate had debts exceeding the value of the estate, and the surrogate court had ordered the sale of real estate to contribute to the payment of debts. The sale was designed to raise \$1,439.63, but produced only \$200.00 at auction. The property was described as a house and lot in Mulberry Street, bordering the lots of George Brooks and Frederick Thomas. On 24 March 1829 widow Phebe Leverich quit claimed the house and lot to Luther Gobles in consideration of \$1.00. The deeds were recorded 18 April 1829.<sup>22</sup>



**Map of the City of Newark, New Jersey 1836: Newark Public Library  
Shaw, WH History of Essex and Hudson Counties, Volume 1, page 454**

On 17 August 1829 letters of administration on the estate of Ellison Leverich were granted to William Leverich at the Queens County, New York Surrogate Court. The administration document did not specify a suffix (i.e. Sr., Jr. or III) for this William Leverich.<sup>23</sup>

The 1840-1841 Newark, New Jersey City Directory lists Phebe A. Leverich, widow of Ellison Leverich, living at 13 Kinney Street.<sup>24</sup>

On 28 February 1841 the widow Phebe Leverich married the widower Samuel G. Emerson at Essex County, New Jersey. Samuel had a daughter Sarah born circa 1833 by his first marriage. Samuel and Phebe had a daughter Ann Emerson, born circa 1843; also a son Stephen Emerson born circa 1846.<sup>25,26,27</sup>

Phebe A. Emerson, age 42 born in New Jersey is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newark, South Ward, Essex County, New Jersey. The household also included her husband Samuel G. Emerson, shoemaker, age 54 born New Hampshire; her step daughter Sarah, age 17 born Vermont; daughter Ann R., age 7 born New Jersey; son Stephen, age 4 born New Jersey; and Rebecca Crane, age 81 born New Jersey. Rebecca's relationship to Phebe is unknown.<sup>28</sup>

Phebe A. Emerson, age 51 born New Jersey, is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newark, Ward 9, Essex County, New Jersey. The household also included her husband Samuel G. Emerson, shoemaker, age 64 born New Hampshire; son Stephen H. Emerson, age 14 born New Jersey; and Rebecca Crane, age 91 born New Jersey.<sup>29</sup>

Phebe A. Emerson, age 61 born New Jersey, is listed in the 1870 U.S. Census of Hill Township, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. The household also included her husband Samuel G. Emerson, farmer, age 74 born New Hampshire and her son Stephen H. Emerson, farm laborer, age 24 born New Jersey.<sup>30</sup>

Phebe Spencer Leverich Emerson died in Merrimack County, New Hampshire between 2 September 1879 and 7 June 1880. She was buried in the Franklin Cemetery in Merrimack County. Phebe made a will on 2 September 1879 in Wilmot, Merrimack County. She left her entire estate to her sister Raprimia Messer. There is no mention of her husband or children. On 7 June 1880 her husband Samuel G. Emerson is enumerated in the 1880 U.S. Census of Newark, Essex, County, New Jersey. Samuel is living in the household of his daughter Sarah E. Christie from his first marriage. He is identified as a widower, suffering from dropsy. Samuel G. Emerson died on 20 August 1880 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, and was buried at the Fairmount Cemetery in Newark.<sup>31,32,33,34,35</sup>

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