

Individual Narrative of Jonathan⁸ Sackett Leverich [234]
Son of William⁷ Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett
Husband of Phebe Hayes
Husband of Elizabeth Sackett

Jonathan Sackett Leverich^{1,2} was born on 15 September 1808 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. Jonathan was the son of William Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett. Jonathan's birth date is a calculated date based upon his apprentice papers, which give his age as 18 years, 1 month, and 25 days on 10 November 1826.³

Jonathan was apprenticed as a coach smith to his cousin John C. Hedenberg of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. The term of the apprenticeship was two years, ten months and five days. The indenture was signed by his father William Leverich (no suffix indicated), Jonathan S. Leverich, and J. C. Hedenberg; and witnessed by Jonathan's grandfather Jesse Leverich, and John Chandler.⁴

Jonathan married for the first time Phebe B. Hayes on 22 April 1830 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Phebe was born circa 1811, place unknown. Her parents have not been identified.^{5,6}

Jonathan Sackett Leverich, Blacksmith, is listed in the Troy (Rensselaer Co) New York City Directory from 1830 to 1838 at various addresses, including: Sixth below Albany; Sixth below State; 90 Fifth; and 45 State.^{7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14}



Albany, NY

Rensselaer Co, New York

Jonathan Sackett Leverich, blacksmith, was listed in the Newark (Essex Co) New Jersey City Directory 1841 to 1843.^{15,16}

In February 1843 tragedy struck Jonathan and his family. Phebe Leverich committed suicide by poison and also poisoned her two youngest children. An account of the incident is found in the Newark Daily Advertiser, see below.^{17,18}

A DISTRESSING CASE OF POISONING.—

One of the most distressing cases of this sort occurred in this city yesterday. The wife of Mr. Jonathan S. Leverich, a respectable mechanic, having been unwell some days, exhibited symptoms of mental alienation on Tuesday. Yesterday morning, after her husband had left for his work, she placed a portion of arsenic in a cup of coffee, telling a daughter about twelve years of age that it was magnesia for the two younger children, and going with them into another room divided the fatal dose between the two little ones and herself. A neighbor coming in soon after, the daughter mentioned that the mother administered medicine to the two children, and the dreadful fact was soon inferred, when medical aid was immediately procured. It came, however, too late, as the quantity taken rendered all interposition fruitless. The eldest child, a boy of 2 1/2 years, died in less than two hours, the infant aged 8 months, in three, and the mother in nine hours, at about six o'clock last evening. It is said that her mind had been troubled some time on the subject of *Millarism*, though we do not learn that she said much on that subject during her last moments. It is believed, however, by her friends, that it had much influence on her mind, and had its effect in producing the fatal consequences here recorded. She expressed her feelings on the subject to a neighbor some time since.

We understand that Mrs. L. appeared to recover her senses as she became conscious of her dreadful situation, and deeply deplored the course into which she had been so fatally beguiled.—*Newark Daily Adv.*

Wikipedia.com describes the Millerites as followers of the teachings of William Miller, who in 1831 first shared publically that the Second Advent of Jesus Christ would occur in roughly the year 1843-1844. His beliefs were taken as predictions, spread widely, and were believed by many, leading to great disappointment when the predictions did not come true. Millerism would become a national movement and subsequently grew into the Seventh Day Adventist Church.¹⁹

Jonathan Sackett Leverich and Phebe B. Hayes had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood.^{20,21}

- i. Esther Elizabeth Leverich was born circa 1830 in Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York. She married Robert S. McMurdy, circa 1846 probably in Albany, Albany Co, New York. Esther died 14 October 1871 in Albany, and was buried at the Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands, Albany Co, New York.^{22,23,24,25,26,27,28}
- ii. Anna Sophia Leverich was born 25 February 1833 in East Schodack, Rensselaer Co, New York. She married Ernst M.C. Krafft , circa 1860 probably in Albany, Albany Co, New York. Anna died 2 February 1902 in Kinderhook, Albany Co, New York. She was buried at the Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands, Albany Co, New York.^{29,30,31,32,33,34}
- iii. Julia Frances Leverich was born circa 1835 in Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York. She married Peter Haslam, circa 1856 in New York State. Julia died 12 March 1900 in Woodside, Queens Co, New York. She was buried at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens Co, New York.^{35,36,37,38}
- iv. Infant Leverich died 24 February 1843 age 2 1/2 to 3 years in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey.³⁹
- v. Infant Leverich died 24 February 1843 age 8 months at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey.⁴⁰

Jonathan married for the second time Elizabeth Sackett on 6 June 1844 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth was born 2 June 1816 at Newtown. She was the daughter of William Sackett and Gertrude Meserole.^{41,42,43,44,45}

Jonathan Sackett Leverich, Blacksmith, is listed in the 1844-1845 City Directory of Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York. He was a boarder at 1 North 3rd Street and worked at the Eaton and Gilbert Coach factory.⁴⁶

A deed was executed in Queens Co, New York on 15 April 1845. The grantors were William and Hannah Leverich; Jonathan S. and Elizabeth Leverich; Sophia Leverich; John and Aletta Leverich. The grantee was Elias Vanderlip, Jr., merchant of Albany, New York. Elias was the husband of Margaret Ann Leverich, a sister to Jonathan and Sophia. Five acres of land at Newtown, Queens County, New York were transferred in exchange for multiple releases on other lands plus \$1.00. The tract of land was described as follows: southerly in front of the road from Newtown to Astoria; northerly in rear of Samuel Penfold; easterly by the lot of George Parker; and westerly by John Leverich. On the same date the same tract of land was transferred to George Parker by Elias Vanderlip and his wife Margaret Ann; and again on the same date the same tract of land was transferred by William and Hannah Leverich; Jonathan S. and Elizabeth Leverich; and Sophia Leverich et al to John Leverich. The deeds were recorded on 21 April 1845.⁴⁷

On 8 November 1845 William and Hannah Leverich sold 11 acres of land at Newtown to Jonathan Sackett Leverich, formerly of Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York, in consideration of \$3000. The tract of land was described as follows: northerly side of Bushwick and Newtown Turnpike adjoining land of Daniel Powell. The deed was recorded on 2 November 1849.⁴⁸

Jonathan Sackett Leverich, Blacksmith, was listed in the 1845-1846 Newark (NJ) City Directory, 72 Ferry Street.⁴⁹

On 24 November 1849 Elizabeth Sackett and her husband Jonathan Sackett Leverich; Jeremiah V. Sackett; Susan Sackett; John Sackett; Sarah J. Sackett; Gertrude Sackett; Magdalen Sackett; William Sackett; and Abraham Sackett granted 4 acres of land to Samuel L. Wilcox in consideration of \$400; the tract of land bordered Samuel Townsend; estate of John A. Kelly; Catherine B. Buddy; and Samuel L. Wilcox. The deed was recorded 28 November 1849.⁵⁰

(Jonathan) Sackett Leverich, Blacksmith, age 42 was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The household included his wife Elizabeth age 33; and his children Mary E. Leverich age 6, William Leverich age 4, and Hannah Leverich age 1.⁵¹

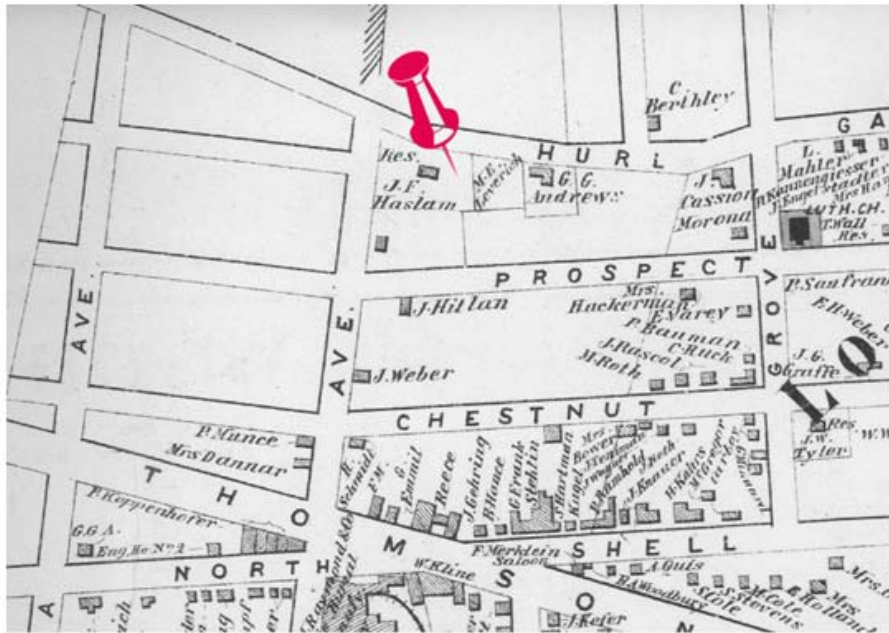
On 5 June 1854 William Leverich, father of Jonathan Sackett Leverich, made a will at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. William identified his heirs as his widow Hannah; son Jonathan Sackett Leverich; daughter Margaret Ann Vanderlip, wife of Elias Vanderlip of Albany, New York; and daughter Sophia Van Schaick, wife of John Van Schaick of Albany, New

York. The Vanderlip's supported the will whereas the Van Schaick's opposed the will. For unknown reasons William limited Sophia's inheritance to a legacy of \$5.00. Jonathan was named executor of the estate. The will was proven 17 October 1854 and was admitted by the Surrogate as written.⁵²

John (i.e. Jonathan) Leverich, farmer age 50, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The household included his wife Elizabeth age 50 and children Elizabeth age 15; William age 12; and Jonathan (i.e. Sackett Richard) age 3.⁵³

Elizabeth Sackett Leverich, wife of Jonathan Sackett Leverich died probably at Newtown, Queens Co, New York between 1860 and 1870. Elizabeth is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census but not the 1870 U.S. Census. Elizabeth's burial place has not been identified.^{54,55}

Jonathan died on 31 Dec 1869 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Jonathan's burial place has not been identified.⁵⁶



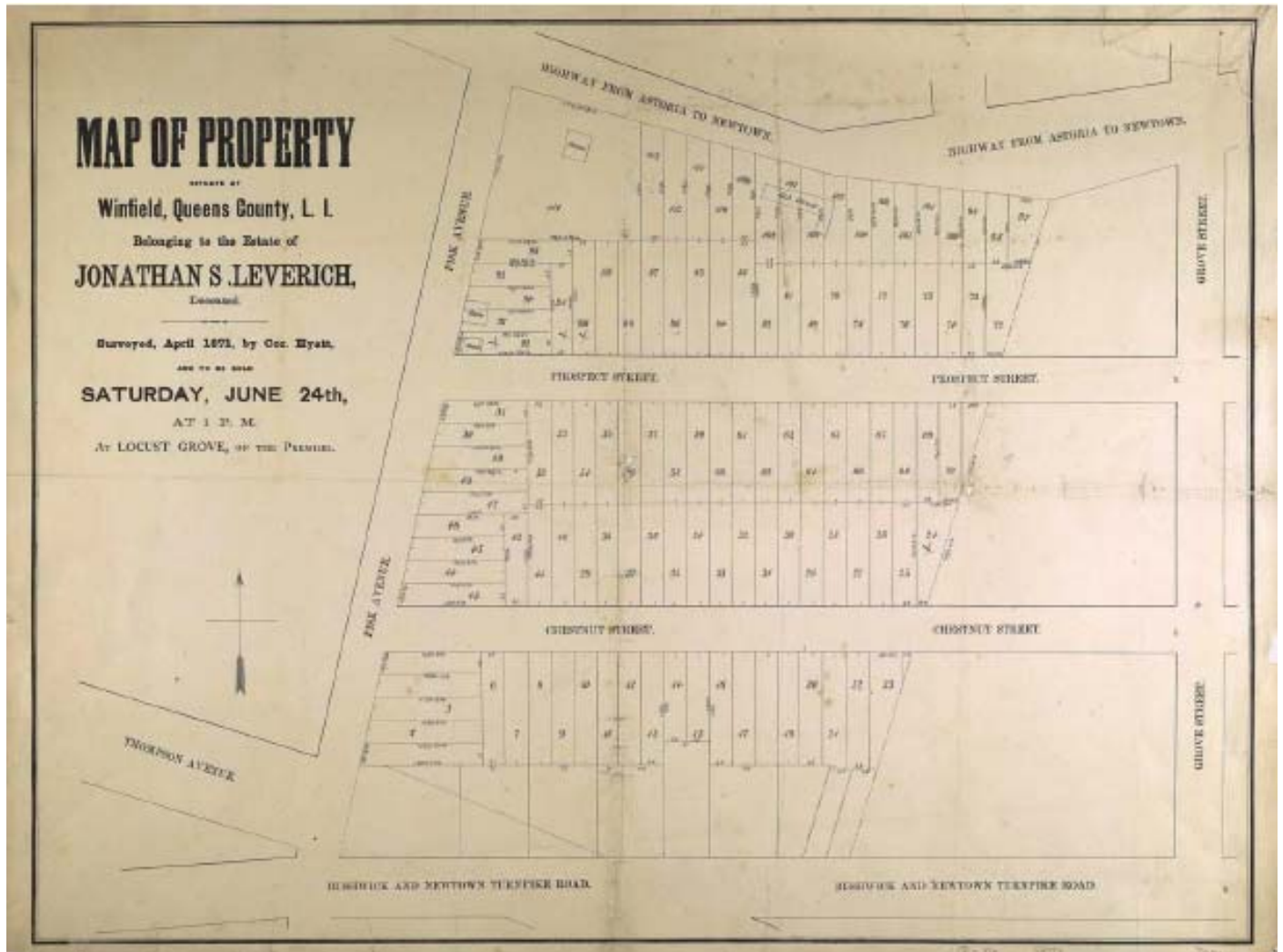
Atlas of Long Island NY, 1873, F. W. Beers: Winfield, Town of Newtown, Queens Co

Jonathan Sackett Leverich and his wife Elizabeth Sackett had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood.^{57,58,59}

- vi. Mary Elizabeth Leverich was born circa 1845 in Newtown, Queens County, New York. Mary Elizabeth never married. Mary Elizabeth lived in the household of her half-sister Julia Haslam in Winfield, Queens Co, New York circa 1870-1881. Mary Elizabeth died 9 June 1881 at Winfield. She was buried at the Lawrence Family Burying Ground in Bowery Bay, Queens Co according to her death notice, but she is not found listed in Findagrave.com, which lists three Lawrence burying grounds in Queens Co.^{60,61,62,63,64,65,66}
- vii. William Sackett Leverich was born 10 October 1847 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. William married Rose McCauley circa 1883 in Queens Co. William died 29 July 1931 at Flushing, Queens Co and was buried at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Flushing.^{67,68,69,70}
- viii. Hannah Leverich was born circa 1849 and died as an infant 8 August 1851 age 8 months at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{71,72}
- ix. Gertrude Sackett Leverich was born circa June 1852 and died as an infant 15 December 1855 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York age 3 years 6 months.⁷³
- x. Sackett Richard Leverich was born circa 1857 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Sackett married Margaret McCable circa 1876, probably in Queens Co. By 1905 he started to go by the name Richard Sackett Leverich and lived in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. He died after 1940, probably in Manhattan or the Bronx, New York City. His place of burial has not been identified.^{74,75,76,77,78}

Julia F. (Leverich) Haslam was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Julia was a sister of Jonathan Sackett Leverich. Julia's household included herself age 34; her husband Peter Haslam age 39; their son Robert Haslam age 12; their daughter Etsy F. Haslam age 4; also Julia's half siblings Elizabeth Leverich age 24, William Leverich age 22, and Sackett Leverich age 13.⁷⁹

On 15 February 1870 Letters of Administration on the estate of Jonathan Sackett Leverich were granted to his daughter Julia and her husband Peter Haslam. The following heirs were identified: Esther Eliza, wife of Robert S. McMurdy; Anna Sophia, wife of Ernst M.C. Krafft; Mary Elizabeth Leverich; William S. Leverich; Sackett R. Leverich; and Julia, wife of Peter Haslam.⁸⁰



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