

**Individual Narrative of Sophia<sup>8</sup> W. Leverich [235]**  
**Daughter of William<sup>7</sup> Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett**  
**Second Wife of John B. Van Schaick**

Sophia W. Leverich was born on 2 September 1811 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of William Leverich III and Anna Lawrence Sackett.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

A deed was executed in Queens Co, New York on 15 April 1845. The grantors were William and Hannah Leverich (second wife of William Leverich III); 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.<sup>5</sup>

On 4 September 1846 William Leverich and Hannah his wife granted 7 acres of land at Newtown, Queens County, New York to Sophia W. Leverich, single woman, in consideration of \$1,400. The tract of land was described as beginning at a point on north side of North Turnpike running along the road from Newtown to Bushwick adjoining land of Jonathan Sackett Leverich; running west along said road to the road Newtown to Astoria; thence easterly to land of Jonathan Sackett Leverich. On the same date, Sophia rented the same tract of land back to William Leverich for \$1.00 per year.<sup>6</sup>

Sophia Leverich was married to John B. Van Schaick on 12 February 1850 at Albany, Albany County, New York, by the Rev. William W. Halloway at the Reformed Dutch Church. This was Sophia's first and only marriage, and John's second marriage. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Jenkins who died 2 September 1848. John was born 18 January 1802 in Albany and was the son of Egbert Van Schaick (sometimes rendered Van Schaack) and Maria Winne.<sup>7,8,9</sup>

Sophia Van Schaick age 38 born in New York is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Albany, Ward 2, Albany Co, New York. Sophia's household also included her husband John Van Schaick, leather dealer, age 49, born in New York; and four of John's children from his first marriage, i.e. Jenkins, Edwin, Louisa, and Charles.<sup>10</sup>

On 5 June 1854 William Leverich, father of Sophia W. 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.<sup>11</sup>

Sophia Van Schaick, age 43 (place of birth is not legible), is recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Albany, Ward 2, Albany Co, New York. The household also included Sophia's husband John Van Schaick, currier age 52 born in Albany Co, New York; and their daughter Elizabeth age 3 born in Albany Co, New York.<sup>12</sup>

Sophia Van Schaick age 48 born in New York is recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 20, New York Co, New York. The household also included her husband John Van Schaick leather dealer age 58 born in Nova Scotia (this is likely an enumerator error); and their daughter Elizabeth age 8 born in New York.<sup>13</sup> John Van Schaick, leather, is listed in the 1860 New York City Directory living at 96 West 27th Street.<sup>14</sup>

John Van Schaick, clerk, is listed in the Albany City Directory living at 149 South Pearl St in 1862, and 48 Westerlo in 1863-1864.<sup>15,16,17</sup>

### 48 Westerlo Street, between Greene and Franklin Streets, Albany, New York



Albany and Schenectady Counties 1866  
Stone and Stewart; Historic Map Works

John Van Schaick died of fever at Albany, Albany County New York on 4 December 1864 age 62 years, 10 months, and 16 days. John was buried at Albany Rural Cemetery in the lot owned by Jenkins Van Schaick, i.e. lot 12, Section 42. The gravestone spells the surname Van Schaack, but cemetery records and other records render the surname as "Van Schaick."<sup>18</sup>

S. W. Van Schaick, widow, is listed in the 1865 to 1868 New York City Directories living at 48 Westerlo.<sup>19,20,21,22</sup>

S. W. Van Schaick, artist, is listed in the 1871-1872 New York City Directory, University Building. In the 1873 Brooklyn City Directory, S. W. Van Schaick, widow John, is living at 428 1/2 Clinton. William M. Schaick, a nephew of John Van Schaick (son of John's brother Benjamin Van Schaick), became Sophia's and John's son-in-law when he married their daughter Elizabeth in 1871. Elizabeth and William were likely first cousins. William is listed in the 1870-1872 New York City Directory, a banker at 13 Broad, living at 1 University Place. In the 1873 Brooklyn City Directory, William M. Van Schaick, broker, is living at 428 1/2 Clinton.<sup>23,24,25,26</sup>

Sophia Van Schaick, "mother", age 65 born in New York is recorded in the 1875 New York State Census of Brooklyn, Ward 6, Kings County, New York. The head of household is her son-in-law William M. Van Schaick, banker and broker, age 27, born in New York; and Sophia's daughter Elizabeth Van Schaick, age 23 born in New York, the wife of William. Also listed is Leverich Van Schaick the son of William and Elizabeth, age 1, and two household servants. Sophia's identification as "mother", which actually applies to Elizabeth, has caused some family trees at Ancestry.com to identify William M. Schaick as a son of Sophia and John Van Schaick, when he was actually their son-in-law.<sup>27</sup>

Sophia Van Schaick, "Mother" age 69 born in New York, is recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census as part of the household of her son-in-law William M. Van Schaick, age 32, stock broker and his wife, Sophia's daughter, Elizabeth Van Schaick, age 28, born in New York. The household, located at 172 Lafayette Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York also included William and Elizabeth's son Leverich Van Schaick, age 6; and their daughter Louise, age 2. In addition, Louise Van Schaick, a cousin age 38, is also part of the household.<sup>28</sup>

Sophia Leverich Van Schaick died on 8 April 1881 at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York, of ataxia. Sophia was buried at the Albany Rural Cemetery in Albany, New York, age 70, in the Jenkins Van Schaick lot, i.e. lot 12, section 42. The gravestone spells the surname Van Schaack, but cemetery records and other records render the surname as "Van Schaick."<sup>29,30,31,32</sup>

Sophia W. Leverich and John B. Van Schaick had one child.

- i. Elizabeth Van Schaick was born 11 November 1851 in Albany, Albany Co, New York. Elizabeth Van Schaick married her cousin William M. Van Schaick 20 June 1871 at the Washington Square Church in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Elizabeth died 3 July 1921 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.<sup>33,34,35,36</sup>

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- <sup>3</sup>1850 U.S. Census New York, Albany Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Roll 472, Albany, Ward 2, page 99A.
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- <sup>5</sup>City Register, *Deed Index Queens Co, New York* (Jamaica, New York: 144-06 94th Avenue). Hereinafter cited as *Deed Index Queens Co, New York*.
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