

**Individual Narrative of Mary⁸ Frances Gorsline [250]
Daughter of Grace⁷ Riker Leverich [126] and Andrew Gorsline
Never Married**

Mary Frances Gorsline was born circa 1831 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the daughter of Gertrude Riker Leverich and Andrew Gorsline.^{1,2,3,4,5,6}

Mary was recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, age 18, single, living in the household of her parents which also included her siblings Jesse, Joseph, Ellen Timpson, Gertrude, and Cornelia.⁷

In 1856, Mary F. Gorsline became a member of the Newtown Presbyterian Church, along with her sister Gertrude L. Gorsline.⁸

Mary was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, age 31, single, living in the household of her parents which also included her siblings Joseph and Gertrude.⁹

Mary was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census, age 33, single, living in the household of her father, which also included her brother Joseph H. Gorsline, age 40, and her nephew Andrew W. Gorsline, age 15. Mary's mother had died in 1863.^{10,11}

Mary Frances Gorsline was never married.¹²

Andrew Gorsline, the father of Mary F. Gorsline, made a will 31 July 1871 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Mary was named as an heir living at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.¹³

Mary F. Gorsline is not found in either the 1880 or 1900 U.S. Census of Queens County, New York.^{14,15}

Mary F. Gorsline died on 14 May 1902 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. A place of burial has not been found for Mary F. Gorsline, but was likely the Newtown Presbyterian Church Cemetery, since Mary's funeral was held from that Church.^{16,17,18}

Mary F. Gorsline made a will which was proved 11 December 1902 at the Queens Co, New York Surrogate. The instrument first provides for suitable tombstones to be erected over her grave and those of her brothers, Jesse L. Gorsline and Andrew Gorsline. Mary gave to the Presbyterian Church Elmhurst \$750 to be used toward the purchase of a new organ and \$250 to the Sunday School of that Church. Legacies were also made to her nieces Anna E. Randolph, Gertrude L. Post, and Frederica V. Bailey. The balance of the estate was given to her brother Joseph H. Gorsline, and her sisters, Ellen L. Hoppock, Cornelia A. B. Brinckerhoff and Gertrude L. Gorsline, to share and share alike.^{19,20}

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