

Individual Narrative of Anna⁸ Leverich Gorsline [315] Daughter of Sarah⁷ Leverich [145] and Peter Gorsline Jr.

Anna Leverich Gorsline was born on 10 April 1854 at Newtown, Queens County, New York.¹ Anna was baptized 6 July 1855 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²

Anna L. Gorsline, age 6, was recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Flushing, Queens County, New York. Anna's household included her parents Peter and Sarah Gorsline, ages 27 and 26 respectively, and her sister Margaret D. Gorsline, age 4. Also included was her aunt Anna Leverich, age 30.³

At some point during the family's tenure in Queens County, Anna L. Gorsline's family lived in a house located at Shell Road and Junction Avenue.⁴

Anna L. Gorsline, age 16, was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of Elizabeth Ward 5, Union County, New Jersey. Her household included her parents Peter and Sarah Gorsline, ages 34 and 30 respectively and her sister Margaret D. Gorsline, age 14.⁵

By 1879 Anna's family may have returned to Queens County, New York. The 1878-1879 Long Island Directory lists a Peter Gorsline living at Amity Street in Flushing. Neither Anna L. Gorsline nor her father Peter Gorsline are found in the 1880 U.S. Census of Queens County or Union County, New Jersey, or anywhere else in the 1880 census.^{6,7}

By 1891, Anna L. Gorsline and her sister Margaret D. Gorsline had opened a retail shop selling "fine goods and notions". See advertisement below. The sisters would maintain this business for over twenty years later relocating on Park Avenue near Second street. They sold the shop to a Mrs. Irving Bisinger circa 1913-1914.^{8,9}



Anna L. Gorsline and her sister Margaret Gorsline were boarders at 510 Madison Avenue in the 1900 U.S. Census of Plainfield Ward 3, Union County, New Jersey. Both were listed as "Dealer in Notions."¹⁰

Anna L. Gorsline and her sister Margaret Gorsline are renters at 122 Madison Avenue in the 1910 U.S. Census of Plainfield Ward 4, Union County, New York. They are both associated with "Fancy Store". Anna is identified as "employer". Margaret is identified as "wage earning sales lady."¹¹

Anna Leverich Gorsline died on 9 March 1914 at Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey, at age 59.^{12,13}

Anna L. Gorsline was never married. At the time she died, she was living at 331 Sixth Street, Plainfield, Union County, New Jersey. She was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey. Anna had been a member of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.^{14,15}

Anna L. Gorsline made a will date 29 January 1910. She named her half-brother Ralph Gorsline of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey; and her sister Margaret Gorsline of Plainfield. Also named is a friend John H. Van Wickle, Jr.¹⁶

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