

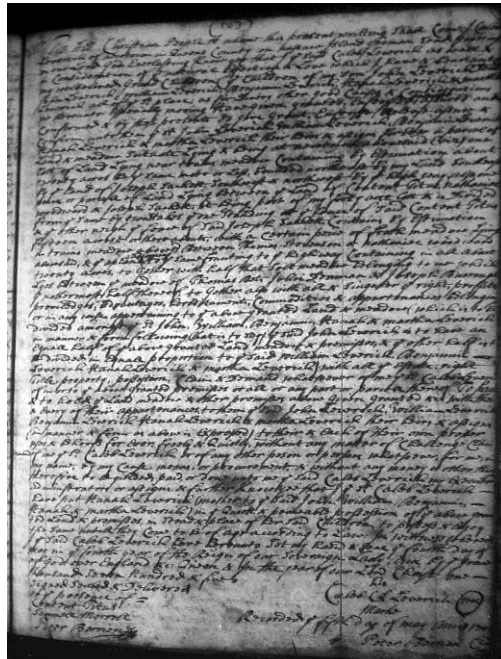
Individual Narrative of John³ Leverich [5]

John Leverich¹ was born between 1665 and 1673 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. John was the son of Caleb Leverich and Martha Cornish, who were married about 1665. John witnessed a deed at Newtown in 1689. John's father Caleb Leverich gave John a share in Caleb's purchaser's rights at Newtown in 1694. Therefore, based upon 21 as the age of majority, John was likely born between 1668 and 1673.² On 15 November 1689 John Leverich witnessed a deed at Newtown Caleb and Martha Leverich to Benjamin Cornish. This is the earliest reference to John Leverich in the Newtown town records.³ He married Hannah (Unknown) circa 1690 probably at Newtown, Queens County, New York. In the census of 1698 at Newtown, John Leverich's household contains six individuals. This implies John and wife Hannah, and four of their eventual five children. Assuming a two year interval between the births of children, the four children were born circa 1692-1698, and the marriage likely occurred circa 1690.⁴ On 20 June 1692 John Leverich witnessed a deed at Newtown Caleb and Martha Leverich to Thomas Morrell.⁵ On 11 April 1694 John Leverich witnessed a deed at Newtown Jonathan Morrell to Henrick Lote.⁶ On 19 April 1694 John Leverich witnessed a deed at Newtown Caleb Leverich to Hendrick Lot.⁷

On 24 April 1694 it was recorded in the Newtown town records that "I underwritten Caleb Leverich have and do by these presents give unto my well beloved son John Leverich half my purchase right as it standeth on the other side of this book which half is twenty five shillings, I say to him, his heirs and assigns to have and to hold forever as witness my hand the day and year above written". The record is signed by Caleb Leverich with his mark, and witnessed by Gersham Hazard and Edward Stevenson.⁸ John Leverich is included in a list of Newtown residents granting land at Hellgate Neck to Edward Stevenson on 26 November 1694.⁹ On 6 February 1694/1695 John Leverich granted land at Newtown to his "well respected uncle Benjamin Cornish". The deed was witnessed by John's father Caleb Leverich.¹⁰ On 17 April 1696 John Leverich is included in a list of Newtown residents granting land to Benjamin Cornish.¹¹ John Leverich is recorded in the Census of Newtown 31 August 1698, 6 family members, no negroes.⁴ On 29 October 1698 John Leverich and his father Caleb sold land at Newtown to Benjamin Cornish. This deed was witnessed by John's uncle Eleazer Leverich.¹² John Leverich is included in a list of Newtown residents granting land on 23 January 1701/1702 to Peter Berrien.¹³ John Leverich died between 1702 and 1705 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.¹⁴

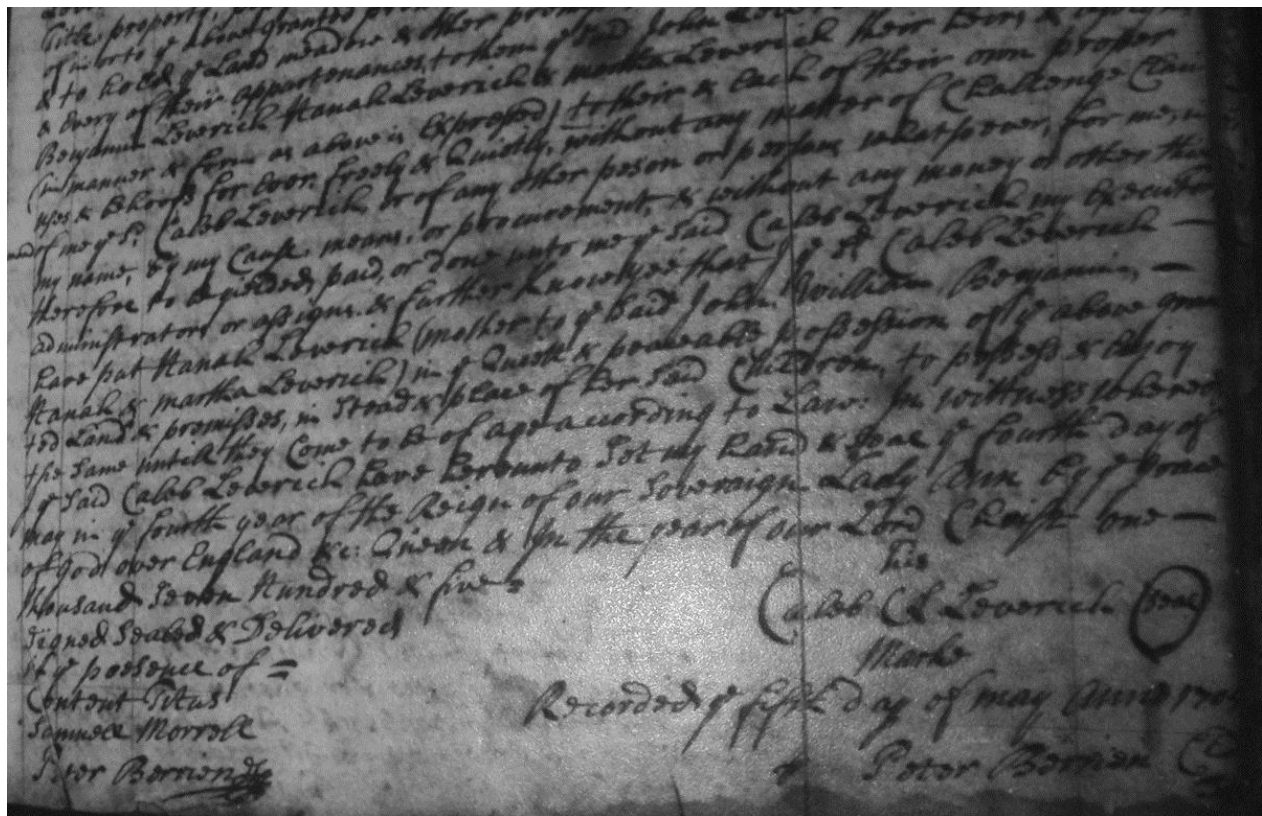
On 4 May 1705, Caleb Leverich gives land and meadow to his five grandchildren, the children of his deceased son John (John, William, Benjamin, Hannah, and Martha Leverich), naming their widowed mother Hannah Leverich as guardian and administrator of the property until each child comes of age. One half of this bequest was for John Leverich, Jr., with the remaining one half divided equally among his four siblings.¹⁵

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All Christian People to whom this present writing shall come, I, Caleb
Leverich of Westover in Sussex County on Nassau Island former Lord, pressing
in our Lord God Everlasting know you that I, said Caleb Leverich as well
in consideration of your natural Affection & Love which I have & bear unto
my well beloved Grand Children & Children of my son John Leverich
John Leverich, William Leverich, Benjamin Leverich, Hannah Leverich, Martha
Leverich all of your place; as for those other good Causes & Considerations
no less unto especially moving have given, granted, Enforced, allowed and
Confirmed & by this presents do give Grant, Enforce, Release, give &
Confirm unto them & to John Leverich, William Leverich, Benjamin Leverich
Hannah Leverich & Martha Leverich their heirs & assigns forever a parcel of
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lot of Land Lying near Thomas meadow containing by Estimation about
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by a part of Land Lying between & northward by a Right way, also one
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said Thomas & meadow of Thomas with John Tomman & Joseph Burrough
of a part thereof, to John with all a singular of right, profits
privileges, Papantages, Hereditaments, Commodities & appertinances belonging
or in any wise appertaining to it above granted Land & meadow which is to be
divided amongst John, William, Benjamin, Hannah & Martha Leverich
in manner & form following that is to say I, said John Leverich is to have an
equal part of above granted Land meadow & premises, & of other part is to
be divided in equal proportion to said William Leverich, Benjamin
Leverich Hannah Leverich & Martha Leverich with all of other right
title, property, possession, Claim & Demand whatsoever of me & my heirs
of or unto the said granted premises or all or any part or parcels thereof, I, said
& heirs of their appertinances to them of said John Leverich, William Leverich
Benjamin Leverich Hannah Leverich & Martha Leverich their heirs



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