

Individual Narrative of Jesse⁶ Leverich [57]

Jesse Leverich^{1,2,3,4,5} was born on 13 Feb 1756 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of William Leverich and Dorothy Morse.^{6,7} Jesse Leverich was baptized on 25 April 1756 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁸

Jesse Leverich married Gashe (Grace) Berrian), daughter of Richard Berrian and Grace Riker, circa 1780 at Newtown, Queens, New York.⁹ Gashe Berrian was born at Newtown on 24 November 1759.¹⁰ Gashe Berrian was baptized on 3 December 1759 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹¹

The 1786 Tax List for Newtown included the following members of the Leverich family: Jesse Leverich, Widow Sarah Leverich, William Leverich, William and Edward Leverich, Sackett and William Leverich, Gabriel Leverich, Samuel Leverich. One of the William's is likely William Leverich the blacksmith. Sons of William included William, Edward, and Jesse. It is uncertain which William was the William identified with Sackett Leverich, who would have been living on the old family homestead. Gabriel and Samuel were sons of Samuel Leverich, died 1754, who was a brother of William the blacksmith.^{12,13} On 1 May 1786, Jesse Leverich appears on a list of subscribers in support of Rev. Peter Fish at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹⁴

The will of Benjamin Cornish of Newtown was proven on 29 August 1787, and was witnessed by Jesse Leverich, Samuel Leverich, and James E. Darby.¹⁵

Jesse Leverich was recorded in the 1790 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tally included 3 males under age 16, 3 males over the age of 16, 3 females, and 4 slaves.¹⁶

	Daniel Rapelje	1	1	3	1
	Martin Rapelje	2	2	3	6
	Richard Lawrence	1	1	3	3
160	Joseph Lawrence	2	2	2	4
*	Jesse Severich	3	3	3	4
	Benjamin Cornish	1	1	6	—
	Robert Moore	1	2	7	—
	Samuel Severich	2	2	2	1
	Sackett Severich	2	3	3	—
	Edward Severich	1	1	1	4
	Free Potland	—	—	—	4
	William Severich	2	3	5	—
170	William Betts	1	3	—	—

On 1 May 1790, Jesse Leverich appears on a list of subscribers in support of Rev. Mr. Woodhull at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹⁷

Jesse and Gashe Leverich are listed as being received as members of the Newtown Presbyterian in 1791.¹⁸

On 1 January 1792, the following children of Jesse Leverich were baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church: Richard Berrien, William, Patience, John, and Ghashe Riker.¹⁹

Jesse Leverich was appointed an Elder of the Newtown Presbyterian Church in 1794.²⁰ On 2 March 1794, Sarah Berrien Leverich, daughter of Jesse Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²¹

Jesse Leverich was appointed a Trustee and an Overseer of the Poor in the Town of Newtown from 1797 to 1799.²²

On 1 April 1798 Peter Riker Leverich, son of Jesse Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²³ Sally, daughter of Jesse Leverich, died at Newtown on 24 December 1798.²⁴

On 26 October 1799, Jesse Leverich witnessed the will of Peter Riker of New York. The will was proven in New York County, New York on 21 November 1799.²⁵

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. Jesse Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the period 1799-1803. The property was valued at \$2,500.00 to \$2,800.00 during this period of time.²⁶

Jesse Leverich was recorded in the 1800 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household consisted of 15 persons, including 3 slaves, and 2 "other free persons."²⁷ⁿ

On 12 July 1800, Sarah daughter of Jesse Leverich was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²⁸ Richard Berrien made a will at Newtown on 17 September 1800. He named as his executors son-in-law Jesse Leverich, son Abraham Berrien, and grandson Richard Leverich. The Will was proved in Queens County New York on 2 June 1802.²⁹

On 6 May 1803 a deed was executed between Amelia Woodward, and Jesse Leverich, Abraham Berrien, and Richard B. Leverich Executors of Richard Berrien, deceased; assignment of land in Westchester County, to the latter parties, for \$226.50. A second indenture dated 18 April 1809 was executed between the same parties, regarding payment for land in Harrison's Precinct in the County of Westchester.³⁰

On 24 December 1812, most likely the same tract of land, comprising 15 acres in Harrison was sold to John Haight, grantee by grantors Jesse and Gashe Leverich, Richard B. and Alletta Leverich, and Abraham and Poelathia Berrien, in consideration of \$375. The land bordered the property of John Haight, Captain Joshua Purdy, and the Estate of William Woodward. The deed was witnessed by Benjamin Coe, James Brundige, Samuel Leverich, and Abraham Berrien. The deed was recorded in Westchester Co, New York on 1 February 1816.³¹

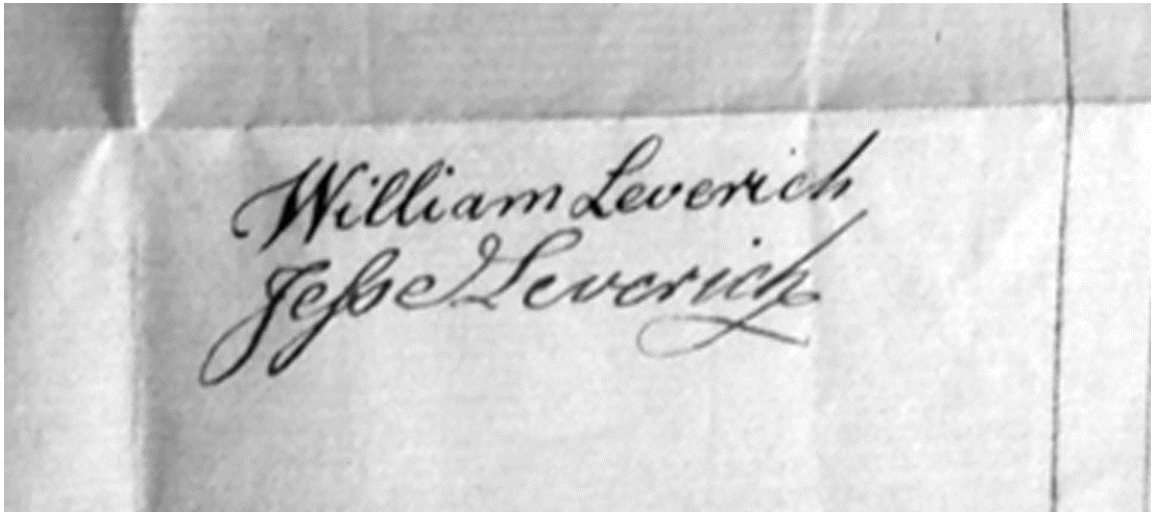
On 24 September 1803, Jesse Leverich is recorded as a "justice" for the Court of General Sessions for Queens County, presiding over a case involving Samuel Denman and Samuel Renne.³²

In December 1803, James son of Jesse Leverich was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.³³

On 3 August 1804, Mary Bonnett Leverich, daughter of Jesse Leverich, was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.³⁴

Jesse Leverich was recorded in the 1810 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household consisted of 17 persons, including 3 slaves, and 5 "other free persons."³⁵ⁿ

On 10 June 1811 Jesse and William Leverich prepared an inventory and apprisement of the personal estate of their first cousin Sackett Leverich, deceased of Newtown, signed on 16 June.³⁶



Jesse Leverich was appointed an Inspector of Common Schools for the Town of Newtown for the years 1814 and 1815.³⁷ At a meeting of some of the inhabitants of Long Island, of different religious denominations, held August 1, 1815 pursuant to public notice, at the Court House, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society ... Jesse Leverich was named to a committee to report a constitution. Jesse Leverich, William Leverich, Edward Leverich and others were appointed to a committee to solicit subscriptions.³⁸

Jesse Leverich was recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household consisted of 10 persons, including 4 slaves.³⁹

On Saturday afternoon 6 March 1824, Jesse Leverich's barn at Newtown, with all the out-houses, three valuable horses, grain, hay, and all his fodder, was burnt by the pipe of a blackman dressing flax in the barn.⁴⁰

The James Riker Papers record Jesse Leverich as listed on an 1828 Assessment Role for Newtown.⁴¹

Jesse Leverich died on 3 Oct 1829 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, at age 73, 8 months.⁴² He was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church graveyard.⁴³ Jesse Leverich prepared a will dated 11 September 1828. The will was proved in the Queens County Surrogate Court on 23 October 1829.⁴⁴

Gashe Leverich was recorded in the 1830 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household included 5 persons, none being slaves.⁴⁵

On 1 April 1830, the executors of the estate of Jesse Leverich, i.e. Edward Leverich, John Leverich, and Andrew Gorsline, executed a lease of the family farm to Nathaniel Sammis. The instrument was witnessed by Jacob P. Leverich. Mr. Sammis agreed to work the farm, and had half of the farm house for his use, the other half being reserved for the use of the widow.⁴⁶

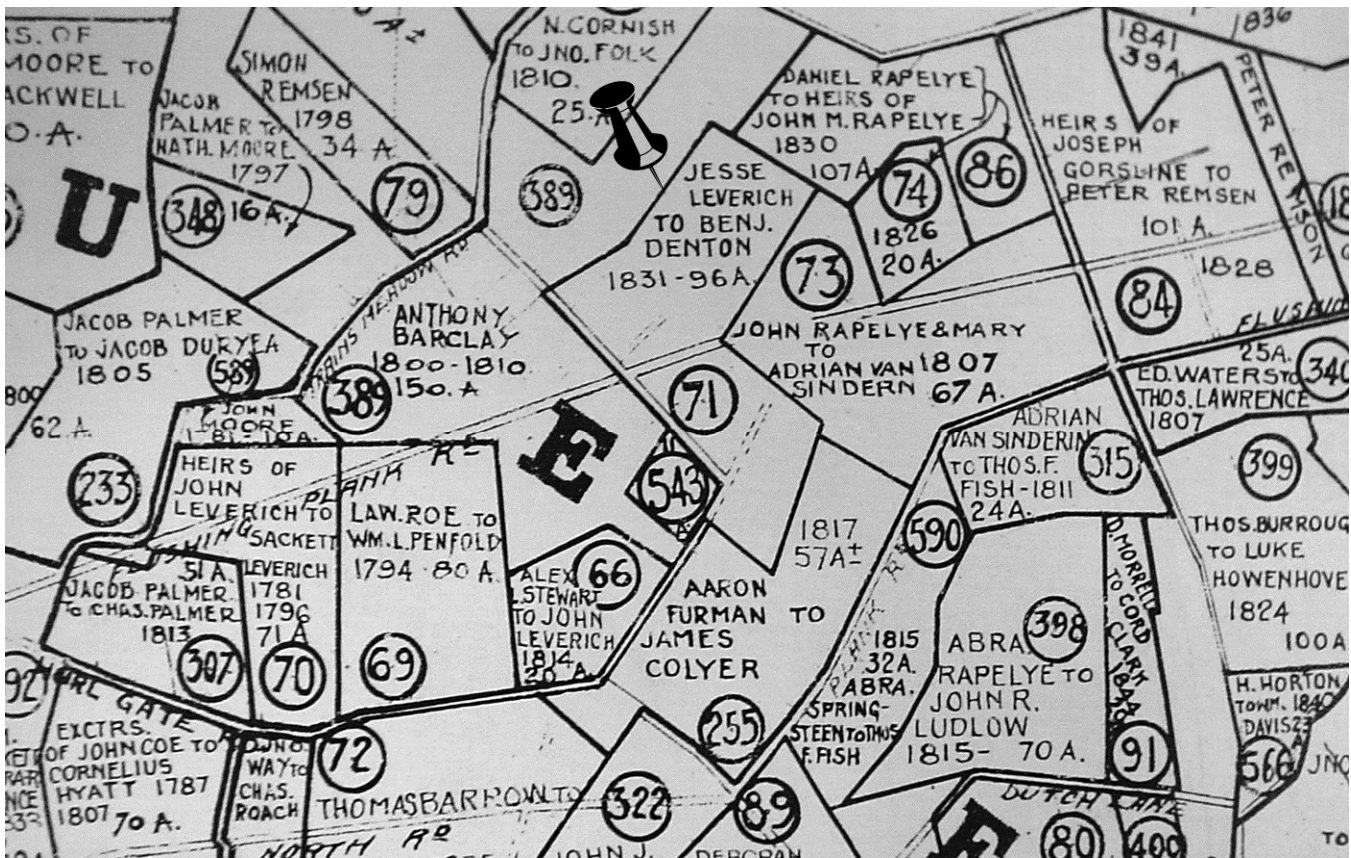
On 21 July 1831 the following advertisement was published in the *Long Island Farmer*:

Will be sold at public auction on Saturday the 3rd of September next, at 2 o'clock P.M. a farm lying in Newtown, Queens County and State of New-York; being the property of the late Jesse Leverich, Esq. of Newtown, deceased. Consisting of 117 acres, 19 of which are woodland, and 2 of salt meadow. Situate one mile from the village of Newtown on the road to Hurlgate neck, and one and a half miles from the east river. On said farm is a good Dwelling House, a large capacious barn, recently built and other convenient out-buildings. It contains two orchards of choice fruit, and is otherwise in a good state of improvement.

Also, a farm in the vicinity of that above mentioned, and in the town and county as above, consisting of 22 acres: a portion of which is Turf Meadow. On said farm is a barn and a good dwelling house. The sales to take place at the residence of Mrs. Leverich, on the premises. Terms made known on the day of sale.

EDWARD LEVERICH
 JOHN LEVERICH
 ANDREW GORSLINE
 Executors
 Newtown, July 20, 1831.⁴⁷

The farm was sold to Benjamin Denton. A deed was executed 16 September 1831, and recorded 19 September 1831.^{48,49} The James Riker Papers include the following notes. Jesse Leverich's farm was that previously owned by Richard Berrien and now by family of B. Denton.⁵⁰ Jesse Leverich (Jr) says that the farm now of Mrs. Denton extended north and took in that now of Dow Rapelye and the Old Berrien stone house stood in the bend of the road a little east of that of Dow R. between that & the corner. Taken down by John Rapelye about 1814 or 1815.⁵¹



Gashe (Grace) Berrien Leverich died at Newtown on 5 November 1831, age 71 years and 11 months, and was buried in the Newtown Presbyterian Church graveyard.⁵²

Jesse Leverich and Gashe (Grace) Berrien had 11 children.^{53,54,55}

- i. Richard Berrien Leverich was born at Newtown on 14 February 1782. He married Mary Van Wickle on 4 June 1808. Richard died 12 August 1828 at Otisco, Onondaga Co, New York.^{56,57}
- ii. William Leverich 3rd was born at Newtown on 9 November 1783. He married first Anna L. Sackett on 29 November 1804, and second Hannah Pettit, widow of Jacob B Sackett, on 17 August 1838. William died at Newtown in 24 August 1854.^{58,59,60}
- iii. Patience Leverich was born at Newtown on 20 December 1785. She married Peter Bonnett on 27 September 1818. Patience died at New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York 1 October 1875.^{61,62}

- iv. John Leverich was born at Newtown on 3 January 1789. He married Alletta Berrien on 27 October 1814. John died at Newtown on 25 April 1858.^{63,64}
- v. Grace Riker "Gertrude" Leverich was born at Newtown on 17 April 1791. She married Andrew Gorsline on 15 May 1822. Grace died at Newtown 9 December 1863.^{65,66,67}
- vi. Sarah Berrien Leverich was born at Newtown on 9 January 1793. Sarah died as a child at Newtown on 24 December 1798.^{68,69}
- vii. Jesse Leverich Jr was born at Newtown 22 December 1795. He married first Mary Ann Bailey on 10 February 1821 and second Mary <unidentified surname> about 1836. Jesse died 14 March 1861.^{70,71,72,73}
- viii. Peter Riker Leverich was born at Newtown on 20 November 1797. Peter never married. Peter died young, perhaps of "consumption", on 7 February 1833.^{74,75}
- ix. Sarah Ann "Sally" Leverich was born at Newtown on 18 March 1800. She married her second cousin Samuel Leverich on 7 November 1833. Sally died 5 July 1866 at Southport, Chemung Co, New York.^{76,77,78}
- x. James Leverich was born at Newtown on 4 March 1802. He married Mary Moore Cameron in 7 May 1824. James died of yellow fever at Augusta, Georgia on 24 August 1839.^{79,80,81,82}
- xi. Mary Bonnett Leverich was born at Newtown on 13 May 1804. She married John Moffet on 30 October 1823. Mary died in Manhattan, New York Co, NY on 22 March 1880.^{83,84,85}

The *Leverich Family Papers* at the New York Historical Society include an accounting of the estate of Jesse Leverich dated 23 November 1831. \$5,133.60 (\$141,000 in 2012 dollars) is distributed to the children of Jesse Leverich, i.e. Richard B. Leverich, William Leverich, Patience Bonnett, John Leverich, Gertrude R. Gorsline, Peter R. Leverich, Jesse Leverich, Sarah Leverich, Mary B. Moffet, and James Leverich. The document is signed by P. Bonnett, Patience Bonnett, Sarah Leverich, William Leverich 3rd, John Leverich, John Moffet, Mary B. Moffet, Andrew Gorsline, and Gertrude R. Gorsline. The same collection also includes Discharges of the Executors of the estate of Jesse Leverich dated 14 June 1833 and 4 March 1842 (grandchildren, children of son deceased Richard B. Leverich).^{86,87}

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