

Individual Narrative of Samuel⁶ Leverich [66] Son of Samuel⁵ Leverich [19] and Deborah Wright Husband of Sarah Berrian

Samuel Leverich was born on 10 Dec 1751 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the son of Samuel Leverich and Deborah Wright. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Samuel's age at the time of his death.^{1,2,3}

Alletta Leverich Smith, a great granddaughter of Samuel Leverich, wrote of Samuel during the Revolutionary War: "Samuel Leverich was taken prisoner when the British took possession of Long Island, and as he was lame and could not bear arms was a paroled prisoner to the end of the war. One of his Tory neighbors who at the end of the war was sent to Nova Scotia said to Mr. Leverich: 'Well that is where we intended to send you after the war was over, but we have got to go there ourselves'. Mr. Leverich was an uncompromising Whig and as he would not take the oath of allegiance to the King of England was obliged to give his parole. His only living brother Gabriel was in the Revolutionary Army". Alletta Leverich Smith's account is included among the William Ward Smith Genealogical Papers, originally held by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, now part of the manuscript collection at the New York Public Library.⁴

This anecdote suggests that Samuel Leverich of Newtown, Long Island was not the same person as "Samuel Leverich", a resident of Massachusetts, who enlisted in the Continental Army at Newtown, Pennsylvania on 14 December 1776, and discharged at Schuylkill Barracks, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 13 December 1779. This Samuel Leverich was a private in the Commander-in-Chief's Guard commanded by Captain George Lewis, and participated in military encounters at Brandywine, Delaware; Germantown, Pennsylvania; Monmouth, New Jersey; and Tappan, New York.⁵

The parents of this Samuel Leverich have not been identified. He may have been a descendent of Samuel Leveridge who appears in the 1703 Census of New York City. The Samuel Leveridge of 1703, according to the James Riker Papers, was born in Virginia and was the son of William and Temperance Loveridge who subsequently settled at Albany, New York and died at Catskill New York about 1683. This William Loveridge was unrelated to Rev. William Leverich of Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{6,7}

Samuel Leverich married Sarah Berrian on 23 Jan 1777 at Jamaica, Queens, New York, at the Presbyterian Church.⁸

Sarah Berrian was born 31 March 1754 at Newtown. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Sarah's age at the time of her death. Sarah was the daughter of Richard Berrian and Grace Riker who were married 24 December 1748 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Sarah was baptized 27 April 1755 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{9,10,11}

Richard Berrian Leverich, son of Samuel Leverich and Sarah Berrian, died 25 May 1826, age 49 years, 3 months, and 6 days, according to James Riker Jr's transcription of his gravestone in the Leverich Family Burial Ground. This data would calculate Richard's birth date to be 17 February 1777. This would indicate that Richard was conceived prior to his parents' marriage on 23 January 1777.^{12,13,14}

On 28 April 1779, 93 of the principal residents of Newtown, presented the following address to Lt. Col. Sterling. "The inhabitants of Newtown beg leave to make their hearty and grateful acknowledgements to Col. Sterling, and the officers of the 42nd Regiment for their very equitable, polite and friendly conduct during their winter stay among them: they will entertain an affectionate esteem and regard for them, and will never forget that they have been treated with all the justice and cordiality due to fellow subjects and citizens. They, at the same time, request the favor of Col. Sterling to return their sincere thanks to the regiment in general, for their regular, orderly and honorable behavior, so conformable to the true character of gentlemen and soldiers. They part with the 42nd Regiment with regret, and wish them glory and success."

Among the 93 residents signing the address were John Leverich (presumably Senior) and his nephew Samuel Leverich. The historian James Riker observed that "the above address of the inhabitants doubtless emanated from the loyalists, who, during this seven years' reign of terror, had everything their own way. And it is pitiful to observe among the names appended to the address, not a few who are known to have been undoubted whigs, at heart, and who could not utter a serious aspiration for the glory and success of their country's enemies, but in this, as in other instances, were forced into mortifying concessions to the wishes and movements of the tories." If any of the members of the Leverich family at this time had loyalist sympathies, they were apparently not substantial enough to warrant their exile and confiscation of their property once the war was over.^{15,16,17}

On 1 May 1780, John Moore Sr, yeoman of Newtown, sold one half acre of land at Newtown to Samuel Leverich in consideration of 25 pounds. This tract bordered land of John Moore Senior and John Leverich Senior late deceased. The deed was witnessed by John Moore, Jr and William Hallett. This transaction was apparently never recorded at the courthouse. The original deed is found among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York. Looking at the 1800 ownership map of Queens Co, John Moore owned 10 acres bordering the Leverich Family Homestead on the North.^{18,19}

Samuel Leverich, Sackett Leverich, and William Leverich were witnesses to the will of John Alburtus of Newtown dated 4 October 1780.²⁰

In a deed dated 1 March 1781, Sackett Leverich, grandson of John Leverich Senior (son of John Leverich Jr who died in 1780) buys out the shares in the family homestead and farm held by his three uncles. The grantors are William and Elnathan Leverich, sons of John Leverich Senior, and Samuel Leverich, grandson of John Leverich Senior (son of Samuel Leverich who died in 1754). This deed includes the earliest specific reference to the family burial place.

"This indenture made the first day of March in the year of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus One thousand seven hundred and eighty one. And in the twenty first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the grace of God over Great Britain, France and Ireland King. Defender of the Faith. Between William Leverich Elithan Leverich and Samuel Leverich Legatees in and by the last Will and Testament of John Leverich Senr ?<Satate>? of New Town in Queens County in Nassau Island in the Colony of New York dec'd of the one part and Sackett Leverich of the same place of the other part. Whereas the said John Leverich Senr in and by his last Will and Testament did make John Leverich Junr late of the said Town decd & said William Leverich Elithan Leverich and Sam Leverich Legatees in & for the whole of his Estate both real & personal to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike Relation being thereunto had is fully set forth and expressed.

"Now this indenture witnesses that they the said William Leverich Elithan Leverich and Samuel Leverich for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twelve Hundred pounds lawful money of said Colony well and truly to them in hand paid by the said Sackett Leverich ... Three fourths of that undivided Messuage, tenements dwelling house outhouses barn orchards cyder mill and all other improvements & pieces or parcels of land and meadows situate lying and being in New Town above said containing by estimation Seventy One acres be the same more or less. This deed was witnessed by Robert Moore and Samuel Moore 3rd. Although executed in 1781, the deed was not recorded at the county courthouse until 15 years later on 10 June 1796."^{21,22}

Included among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham Hall Museum is an item described as "Samuel Leverich, His Book". The museum's inventory indicates that only the cover of the book has survived, not the contents: "Leather book cover marked S.L. 1770 & S.L 1822". The inside cover is annotated "S.L. 1770" and "Samuel Leverich, his book for the years 1781 March the 23rd day."²³

On 2 May 1785 Samuel Leverich and Sarah his wife of Newtown sold land to Richard Leverich, yeoman of Newtown, in consideration of £289, 17, 6: 8 ½ acres northerly by land of Richard and Sackett Leverich; eastwardly by John Alburtis, deceased; southwardly by the road leading to Hallett's Cove; westerly by Jacob Palmer. Also 4 ½ acres at Trains Meadow in Newtown bounded southwardly by Trains Meadow Road; southwesterly, northwardly and southwesterly again by land and meadow of Richard and Sackett Leverich; and northwesterly by ditch and meadow of Nathaniel Moore, northwesterly by the meadow of William Leverich, and northeastwardly by the burying yard. Witnesses were William Leverich and Richard Berrian. This Richard Leverich would have been a cousin of Samuel Leverich, and a brother to Sackett Leverich.²⁴

On 20 April 1786 Robert Moore of Newtown sold 1.5 acres of land and orchard at Trains Meadow to Samuel Leverich, weaver, of Newtown in consideration of 59 pounds. This tract was bounded northwest by a highway; northwest by Robert Moore; southwest by Sackett Leverich; south by Samuel Leverich to the highway and the point of beginning. The deed was witnessed by Richard Leverich and Nathaniel Hallett. This deed was apparently not recorded at the County court house. The original deed is found among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham House Museum.²⁵

The 1786 Tax List for Newtown included the following members of the Leverich family:

Widow Sarah Leverich
William Leverich
William and Edward Leverich
Sackett and William Leverich
Gabriel Leverich
Samuel Leverich
Jesse 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.^{26,27}

On 1 May 1786, Samuel Leverich appears on a list of subscribers in support of Rev. Peter Fish at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²⁸

Samuel Leverich and Jesse Leverich were witnesses to the will of Benjamin Cornish Sr. of Newtown, dated 29 August 1787.²⁹

Samuel Leverich is recorded as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The census tallies note 2 free white males under the age of 16 <Richard B. Leverich and unidentified>, 2 free white males over the age of 16 <Samuel Leverich and unidentified> and 2 free white females <Sarah and Deborah Leverich>.³⁰ On 1 May 1790, Samuel Leverich appears on a list of subscribers in support of Rev. Mr. Woodhull at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.³¹

On 2 November 1790, Jacobus Waldron and Margaret his wife of Newtown, sold land at Newtown to Samuel Leverich of Newtown, in consideration of 18 pounds, one acre of turf meadow lot number 5 at Trains Meadow. The tract bordered lots of meadow of Sackett and Richard Leverich, Robert Moore, and William Sackett. The deed was witnessed by Robert Rutgers and George Hughson. This deed was apparently never recorded at the county court house. The original deed is found among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham Hall Museum.³²

On 14 March 1792 Articles of Agreement were executed by Jacob Moore and Samuel Leverich, both of Newtown. In consideration of £750 Samuel Leverich purchases land (no property description is provided) of Jacob Moore, with Jacob Moore holding a mortgage binding Samuel Leverich to make payment. This document outlines the payment provisions agreed upon.³³

On 2 May 1792, Samuel Leverich and Sarah his wife of Newtown sold property including houses, barn, orchard, and land estimated at 37 acres, more or less, to John Rapelye, pursuant to recent lease, in consideration of £300. This tract was bounded southerly by the road from Newtown to Jamaica; westerly the upland and meadow of William Sackett; Northerly and westerly by the meadows of Abraham Rapelye, Samuel Renne, and Charles Roach; northerly again by the brook leading to David Titus' mill; easterly by land of Howard Furman. The deed was witnessed by Jacob Moore and Abraham Berrian. A mortgage transaction was recorded at the Queens County Clerk's Office, Liber E, page 62.³⁴

The following advertisement was published in the *New York Daily Gazette* on 21 October 1793. "Five Dollars Reward. Ran-away from Subscriber, on the 23rd day of September last, an Apprentice Boy, named BENJAMIN CORNISH, aged about 19 years -- he had on when he went off, a long brown coat, and striped overalls -- he is about 5 feet 10 inches high, dark complexion, and dark brown hair. Whoever will bring him to the subscriber, living at Newtown on L.I. or secure him, so that he may be had by him, shall have the above reward, and all reasonable expenses. All masters of vessels, and others, are hereby cautioned, not to harbor him, as they will be prosecuted according to law. SAMUEL LEVERAGE. October 15."³⁵

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. Samuel Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the period 1799-1803. The property was valued at \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 during this period of time.³⁶

Samuel Leverich is not found in the 1800 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. A search of the census microfilm for neighbors reflected in the 1790 census did not find Samuel. Since Samuel is found at Newtown in the 1810 census, it may be that the 1800 census taker missed him for unknown reasons.³⁷

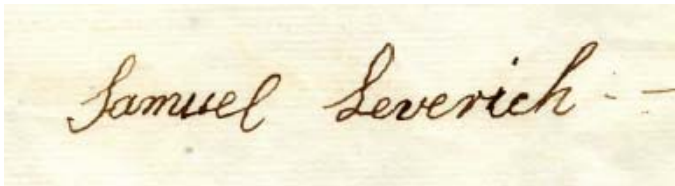
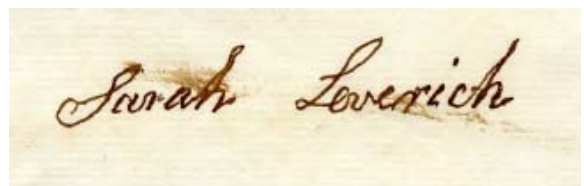
Richard Berrian, the father of Sarah Berrian Leverich, made a will on 17 September 1800. In his will Richard mentions daughter Gashe, wife of Jesse Leverich; daughter Sarah, wife of Samuel Leverich; and son Abraham Berrian. He named as executors his son Abraham, his son-in-law Jesse Leverich, and his grandson Richard Leverich (son of Samuel and Sarah). Richard Berrian's wife Grace had died on 12 December 1771 at Newtown.^{38,39,40}

On 12 June 1806, Jacob Moore and his wife Elizabeth of Newtown sold land to Samuel Leverich for 34 pounds. This tract bordered woodland of Hezekiah Field, land of Samuel Leverich, the woodland of Abraham Springstein and Samuel Coe, deceased. The deed was witnessed by William Penfold and Benjamin Coe. This deed was apparently never recorded at the County court house. The original deed is found among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham Hall Museum.⁴¹

Samuel Leverich is recorded in the 1810 U.S. Census, adjacent to his brother Gabriel Leverich, of Newtown, Queens County, New York. Census tally data suggest that Richard B. Leverich (son of Samuel) and his family are also part of the household. The census tallies recorded are: 3 free white males under the age of 10 (Paul, Samuel, Richard B: sons of Richard B. Leverich); 1 free white male age 10-15 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 16-25 (unidentified); 1 free white male age 26-44 (Richard B. Leverich); 2 free white males age 45 and over (Samuel Leverich Sr and unidentified); 1 free white female under the age of 10 (Alletta P, daughter of Richard B. Leverich); 1 free white female age 10-15 (Sarah B, daughter of Richard B. Leverich); 1 free white female age 26-44 (Alletta, wife of Richard B. Leverich); 1 free white female age 45 and over (Sarah, wife of Samuel Leverich).⁴²

Neighbors of Samuel Leverich in the 1810 census include Thomas Hicks, Abraham Duryee, Peter Vandervoort, Edward Moore, and Jacob Lane. Neither Samuel nor Gabriel Leverich are found on the 1800 ownership map of Queens County. However, the above named neighbors all appear in a cluster on the 1800 ownership map, located to the east of Newtown village.⁴³

On 1 May 1811, William Leverich as one of the executors of the estate of James Leverich, loaned \$2000 to Samuel Leverich and Sarah his wife. The loan was secured by a mortgage on 37.5 acres including house, barn and orchard, and bounded: southerly by the highway; easterly and southerly by land late of Howard Furman; northerly and easterly by a creek leading to Daniel Rapelye's Mill and meadow of Timothy Roach; westerly and northerly by meadow of Samuel Renny and Abraham Rapelye's meadow; westerly by meadow of the late William Sackett. Indenture date 1 May 1811, and was Witnessed by Richard B. Leverich and Benjamin Coe. The mortgage transaction was recorded at the Queens County Clerk's Office, Liber I, pages 270-272.⁴⁴

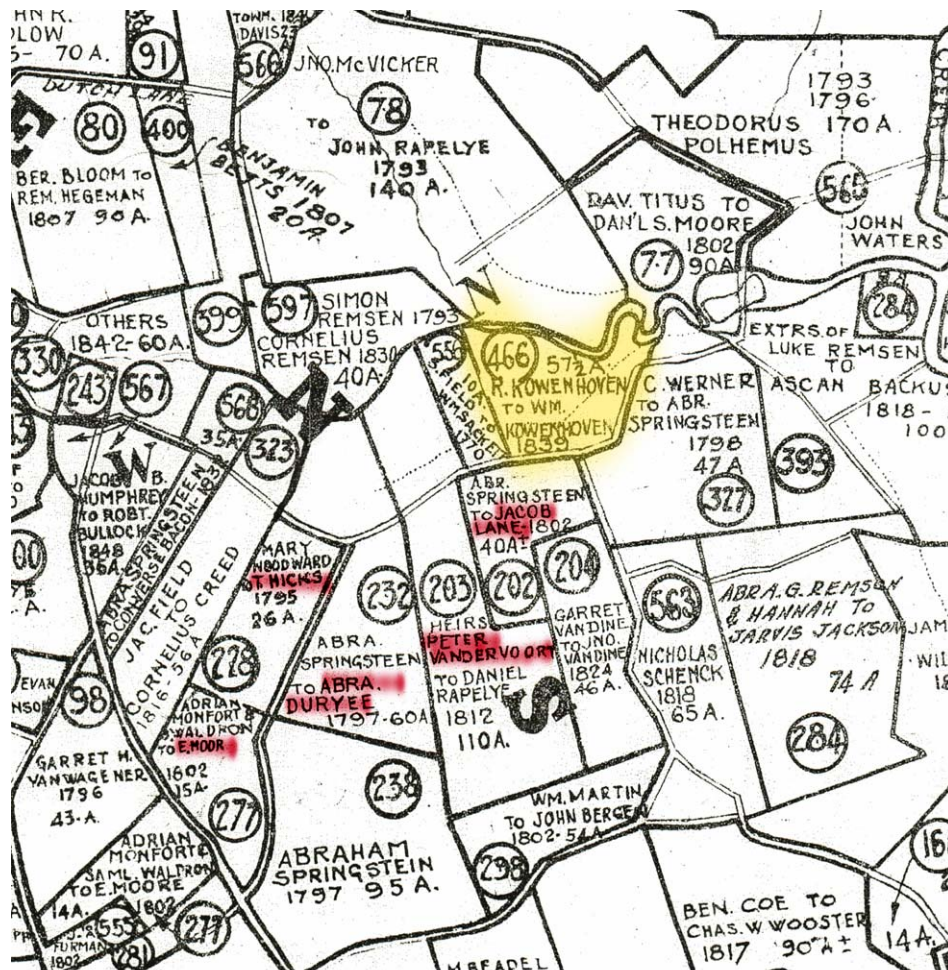
A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Leverich". The ink is dark brown on a light-colored paper background.A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Leverich". The ink is dark brown on a light-colored paper background.A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B. Leverich". The ink is dark brown on a light-colored paper background.

Samuel Leverich died on 24 Jan 1816 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the age of 65 years, 1 month, and 14 days. He was buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground.^{45,46}

Samuel Leverich made a will dated 9 November 1815. In his will he names his wife Sally, his son Richard B. Leverich, and his daughter Deborah Berrian. Samuel named as executors of his estate his wife, son Richard B. Leverich, and Samuel Leverich Jr. The relationship of the latter is not identified, but it was likely his nephew, son of his brother Gabriel. His grandson Samuel, son of Richard B. Leverich, was too young at the time. The will was witnessed by Jacob Lane, Thomas Hunt, and Henry Field. The will was proved on 21 March 1816.⁴⁷

On 2 March 1816 William Kowenhoven of Brooklyn purchased a farm, including weaver's shop, from Richard B. Leverich. The terms specified were \$10 down on 2 March 1816; the purchase price £2700, with 2/3 due on 1 May 1816 if convenient, but otherwise not less than one half by 1 May 1816. The remaining balance was secured by the farm, bond, and mortgage at 6% per annum. Richard reserved rights to movables, except manure, and including weavers shop until 1 May 1817; also 1/3 of grain in ground. Possession by William was to be 1 April 1816. The number of acres was not specified, and no property description provided. This indenture was signed by both Richard and William, and witnessed by Henry Field and Edward Leverich.

The weavers shop suggests that this was the property of Richard's father Samuel, who was a weaver, and who died in January 1816. The 1800 property ownership map for Queens County shows the Kowenhoven family owning land in the same vicinity as neighbors of Samuel and Gabriel Leverich in the 1810 Census.⁴⁸



**1800 Ownership Map Queens Co, New York
Neighbors of Samuel and Gabriel Leverich
1810 U.S. Census: Newtown, Queens Co, NY**

Edward Leverich and Henry Field compiled an inventory of the estate of Samuel Leverich, dated 12 March 1816.⁴⁹

We hereby certify the following is a correct
Inventory of the Real and personal Estate of
Samuel Leverich Dec'd. as taken by us Edward
Leverich and Henry Field this twelfth day
of March in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and sixteen

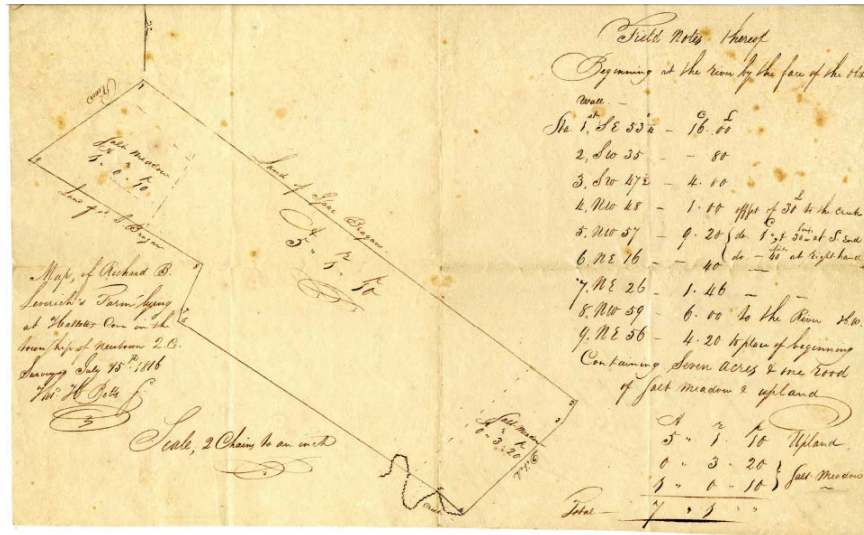
Newtown Lucerne County

	Dollars	Cents
2 Bows \$ 65 - 6 pound Battel of 95 -	161	
Rakes for the fields and ladders	12	25
2 Wood chads & one stone head	7	
1 Waggon 1 Cart 3 Sittes of Waggon sides	40	
4 Loads of English Hay & 3 Do. of Salt hay	65	
4 ploughs 2 Harrows 3 Waggon wheels	10	
4 Wheel Barrows 1 Cradle & Cask	15	
1 Chest of Tools and Work bench	20	
3 hoes 1 Garden Rake Sythes and Cradle	4	
1 Beattie & Wedges bridle Bar 2 Axes	5	
2 Waggon seats 4 spades and Shovels		
Loth of Lumber and Old Iron	250	
1 Dung fork 1 pitchax 1 Crooked fork	5	
8 Tubs and Reelers & Weaving tackle	250	
Red Curtains bedding & Bedsted	30	
Cupboard and Chest 12 Chairs	40	
Tea Table Stand & Andirons	14	
Two Bedsteads Looking glass	4	
1 Cradle & 2 Bins and Lumber 10	8	
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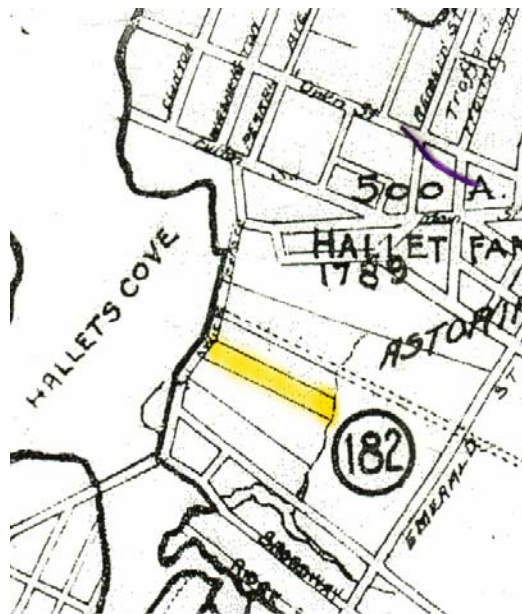
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Edward Leverich
Henry Field

The following land transaction was executed on 1 May 1816. William Leverich, Cornelius Hyatt, Thomas Hyatt, executors of will of Thomas Hyatt of Newtown conveyed land to Adrian Van Sinderen. Adrian Van Sideren and Thomas Lawrence Jr conveyed land to Richard B. Leverich in a deed also dated 1 May 1816, but preserving the rights of James Lent and William Leverich who held a mortgage on the property in the amount of \$1500 plus accrued interest. The deed was recorded 2 June 1816.⁵⁰

Richard B. Leverich prepared a memorandum of payments out of his father's estate for the period March 9 to May 18, 1816. Payees included Deacon Richard Leverich, Samuel Leverich, William Leverich, Sarah Leverich, and Edward Leverich.⁵¹ By 1816, Richard B. Leverich owned land located at Hallett's Cove. A map of this 7 acre tract, surveyed 15 July 1816, is included among the Leverich Family Papers at the Raynham House Museum.⁵²



On 14 February 1824 Richard B. Leverich and Alletta his wife of Newtown in consideration of \$500, quit claimed to Sarah Leverich, land already in her possession; located at Hallett's Cove; bounded northerly and easterly by lands of Isaac Bragaw; southerly by a creek and by land of Robert Moore; westerly and part southerly by lands of Isaac Bragaw; and westerly by the East River. The property consisted of 12 acres more or less, lands already occupied by Sarah, which were conveyed by Adrian Van Sideren and Thomas Lawrence Jr to Richard B. Leverich in a deed dated 1 May 1816, but preserving the rights of James Lent and William Leverich who held a mortgage on the property in the amount of \$1500 plus accrued interest. The deed was witnessed by David Lamberson and Alletta Vandervoort, and recorded 15 March 1824.⁵³



Land of Richard B. Leverich - 7 Acres
Survey 15 July 1816 by Thomas H. Betts
 1800 Ownership Map Queens Co, New York

On 1 May 1826, Sarah Leverich sold the same 12 acre tract of land to Isaac Bragaw in consideration of \$2,500.00. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Blackwell, and recorded 30 November 1832.⁵⁴

In a bill of sale dated 19 September 1827, Sarah Leverich sold items enumerated in an annexed schedule A to her granddaughters Sarah Berrian Leverich and Alletta Polhemus Leverich for the sum of \$1.00.⁵⁵ Sarah Berrian Leverich died at Newtown on 25 June 1834, age 80 years, 2 month, 25 days. She was buried at the Leverich Family Burial Ground.^{56,57,58}

Samuel Leverich and Sarah Berrian had two children born at Newtown.^{59,60}

- i. Richard Berrian Leverich was born at Newtown 17 February 1777, married 13 May 1799 Alletta Vandervoort, and died at Newtown 25 May 1826.^{61,62,63,64}
- ii. Deborah Leverich was born at Newtown 15 December 1781, married c 1807 her first cousin Nathaniel Berrian, and died at Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York on 12 May 1862.^{65,66,67}

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