

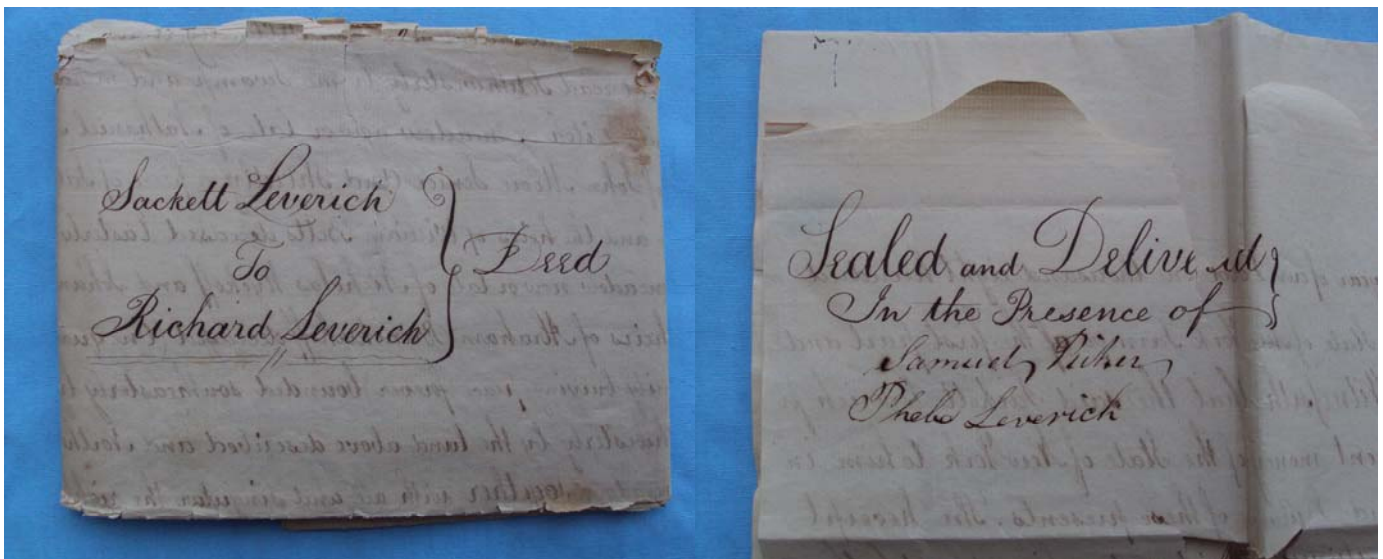
Individual Narrative of Phebe⁶ Leverich [71] 2nd Wife of Robert Castle

The parents of Phebe Leverich^{1,2} have not been conclusively identified. Possible candidates in this time period were John Leverich Jr, William Leverich, and Elnathan Leverich, brothers. A cousin William Leverich, husband of Else Cook, and an uncle Samuel Leverich, both died in the 1750's before Phebe was born. Since the children of brothers John Leverich Jr. and William Leverich are well documented, it is likely that Phebe was the daughter of Elnathan Leverich and his wife Mary Coe. Wills have not been found for either Elnathan or Mary.³

Phebe Leverich was born circa 1774 probably at Newtown, Queens, New York. The birth date is a calculated estimate based upon the 1767 marriage date for Elnathan Leverich and Mary Coe.^{4,5}

Phebe's mother Mary died before 1777. In his will dated 23 February 1777 Benjamin Coe refers to his "deceased sister Mary Leverich". Phebe's father Elnathan died in 1784, leaving Phebe an orphan at the age of about 10. It is likely that she was taken in by family, perhaps her cousin Richard Leverich.^{6,7}

In March 1800, Phebe Leverich witnessed several land transactions involving her presumed first cousins Amy, Sackett, and Richard Leverich, the children of John Leverich Jr and Elizabeth Sackett.^{8,9}



In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. Phebe Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the period 1799-1800, taxed on \$125 of personal property.¹⁰

Phebe Leverich married Robert Castle of New York City (Manhattan) on 12 Oct 1800 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.¹¹

Letters of Administration were granted in Queens Co, NY on the estate of Phebe Coe on 13 July 1802 to granddaughters Susannah Burroughs and Nancy Jagger and their husbands Thomas Burroughs and Rufus Jagger. Phebe Coe was the mother of Mary Coe, wife of Elnathan Leverich.^{12,13} Although it could be coincidental, Robert Castle and Rufus Jagger lived in close proximity of each other in Manhattan, New York County, New York from about 1801 to 1820. In 1820, they

lived less than two blocks apart, Robert at 151 Elizabeth Street and Rufus at 171 Bowery. This suggests that their wives may have been related. It is possible that Phebe Leverich was named for her grandmother Phebe Coe.¹⁴

1807 William Bridges Map <1871 Reissue>



New York City Directory - Manhattan

Rufus Jagger, Carpenter, husband of Nancy Leverich

A: 167 Harman (contemporary East Broadway): 1810

B: 21 Essex: 1813

C: 171 Bowery: 1820

Robert Castle, Cartman, husband of Phebe Leverich

D: Elizabeth St near Spring: 1809 & 1820

Robert Castle was born on 25 December 1757 in England. The birth date is documented in Robert's Revolutionary War Pension application, whereas his place of birth is documented in his 1807 Petition for Naturalization.^{15,16}

Robert Castle emigrated prior to November 1776, at which time he enlisted as a drummer on the American side during the Revolutionary War in the 1st Virginia Regiment, company commanded by Captain William Moseley. Robert served in the said Regiment upwards of six years when he was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston, South Carolina [12 May 1780] and remained there for two years when he made his escape in Halifax [Nova Scotia] at the war's end, coming to New York. In his 1818 pension application, Robert said that he never received a discharge in consequence of his being a Prisoner of War. Robert also asserted that he received a wound in the head at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. Robert also indicated that he was at the taking of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] under the command of General Anthony Wayne.¹⁷

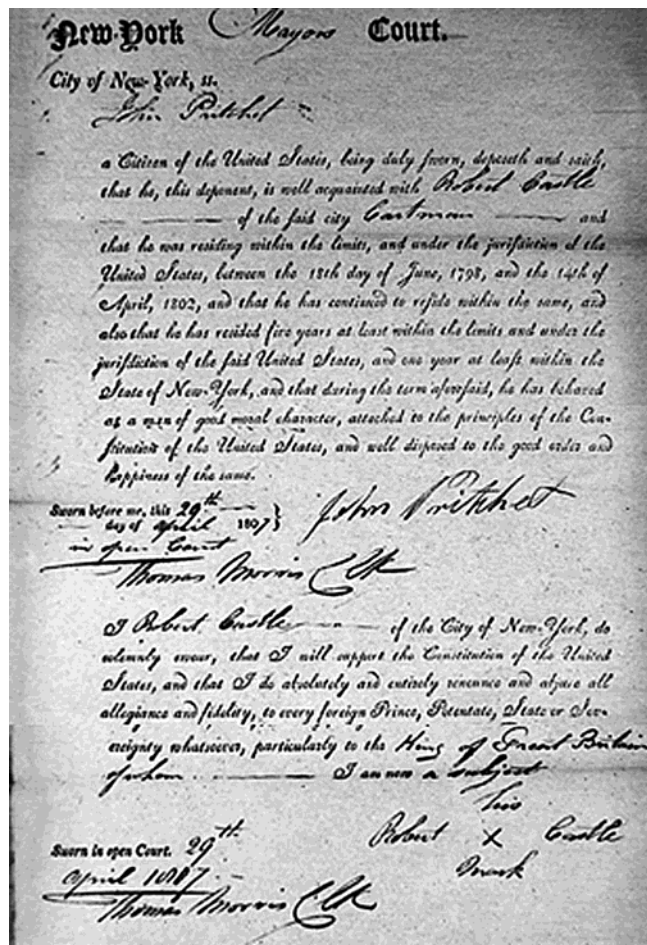
Prior to his 1800 marriage to Phebe Leverich, Robert Castle apparently had an earlier marriage, the product of which was a daughter Elizabeth Castle who was born about 1798 in New York. This marriage may have been that recorded on 26 September 1790 at the John Street (Manhattan) Methodist Church between Robert Castle and Rachel Kelly. Rachel presumably died between 1798 and 1800.¹⁸ Elizabeth Castle was never married and died on 28 May 1851 at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, where she had been living in the household of her half sister Amy Louisa Castle Hendrickson at the time of the 1850 U.S. Census.^{19,20}

In the 1790 Census, Robert Castle is recorded in the North Ward of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The household consisted of one free white male and one free white female, presumably Robert and his first wife.²¹

In the 1800 Census, Robert Castle is listed in the 7th Ward of Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The household included 1 free white male age 26-44 <Robert>, 2 free white females under the age of 10 <daughter Elizabeth and unidentified>, and 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (could have been either Rachel or Phebe, depending on when the tally was recorded, which was not preserved).²² In the 1801 New York City Directory, Robert Castle, Cartman, is listed at Eagle St. In 1802, Robert Castle, Cartman, is listed at Elizabeth St.^{23,24}

In a deed dated 26 October 1801, recorded New York County, New York 30 October 1801, Joseph Sands, Merchant, City of New York sold to Robert Castle, Carman, City of New York, in consideration of \$275.00, part of farm of Nicholas Bayard, deceased. Located in Ward 7, the property was described as Lot No. 917 bounded easterly in front by Elizabeth Street; westerly in rear by lot #927; northerly by lots 918-921; southerly by lot #916; measuring 25 feet front and rear, 94 feet in length. The deed was witnessed by Thomas White and Henry Sands.²⁵

In the 1806 to 1808 New York City Directories Robert Castle, cartman, is listed living at Elizabeth Street, near Spring.^{26,27,28,29} On 29 April 1807, Robert Castle, Cartman, signed with his mark, a petition for naturalization at the Mayor's Court, City of New York, Court of Common Pleas. The petition indicates that Robert had been a citizen of England. The petition was witnessed by John Prithet.³⁰



Robert Castle is not found in the 1810 U.S. Census. In the 1809 New York City Directory, he is listed as cartman living at Elizabeth Street near Spring.^{31,32} On 10 February 1812, it is recorded in the Minutes of the Common Council of the City of New York that "a petition of Robert Castle complaining of certain sunken lots adjoining his house in Elizabeth Street, was read and referred to the City Inspector."³³ In the 1815 New York City Directory, Robert Castle, Cartman, is listed living at Elizabeth Street, near Spring.³⁴

Phebe Leverich Castle died between 1813 and 1817 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Her youngest child Robert was born in 1813. Robert Castle Sr. married for a 3rd time in 1817. Neither a specific date of death nor a burial place has been identified for Phebe.^{35,36}

On 13 August 1817, Robert Castle was married to Charity Thompson by Methodist minister Rev. Seth Crowell in New York City, at the home of William Thompson. Thompson was presumably a married name for Charity, since she was subsequently identified living in 1850 with her brother Daniel Carpenter in Goshen, Orange Co, New York. Charity died on 16 August 1855, leaving her estate to her brother.^{37,38}

On 2 April 1818, Robert Castle swore an affidavit in support of his application for a U.S. Government Pension in recognition of his service during the Revolutionary War. His request was granted, but the pension was apparently rescinded a few months later because Robert owned a small house. Robert successfully reapplied for a pension 23 July 1832 under revised pension legislation. Robert's third wife Charity subsequently applied for a widow's pension on 29 December 1853. On 26 March 1855, Charity applied for a bounty land warrant, but died before processing of the application was completed.³⁹

In the 1820 Census, Robert Castle is recorded in Ward 7 of Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The census tallies include 2 free white males under the age of 10 <sons William and Robert Jr>, 2 free white females under the age of 10 <unidentified, perhaps the children of his 3rd wife Charity>, 1 free white female age 10-15 <daughter Amy Louise>, and 1 free white female age 26 to 44 <wife Charity>. The census record does not include a tally for Robert Sr. In the 1820 New York City Directory, Robert Castle, cartman, is listed living at Elizabeth St, near Spring.^{40,41}

In the 1827 New York City Directory, Robert Castle, cartman, is listed living at 151 Elizabeth Street.⁴² In the 1830 Census, Robert Castle is recorded in Ward 14 of Manhattan, New York County, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 70-79 <Robert>, 1 free white female age 20-29 <daughter Amy Louise>, 1 free white female age 30-39 <daughter Elizabeth>, and 1 free white female age 50 to 59 <wife Charity>.⁴³

Robert Castle died between May 12 and May 27, 1834 in Manhattan, New York County, New York, under mysterious circumstances. Probate proceedings state that "the said Robert Castle left his family and home at number 151 Elizabeth Street on the 12th day of May instant at about five o'clock in the afternoon in a very infirm and feeble state of health without money or clothing except what he then had on, and has never returned. He was then about 75 years of age and had been for a long time sick and confined to his house unable to attend to any business. Advertisements and search and diligent inquiries have been made respecting him, but no traces have been found."⁴⁴

Subsequently, the New York Sun reported on 29 May 1834: "Mr. Robert Castle, of this city, was one of three men who drifted ashore and over whose bodies a coroner's inquest was held at Yellow Hook, mentioned in our paper a few days since. On the 12 inst, Mr. Castle strayed from the house of his son, 151 Elizabeth Street, who made every effort to discover what had become of him, which proved ineffectual until on Tuesday when he learned the above fact."^{45,46}

The burial place of Robert Castle has not been located. Robert may have been associated with the Methodist Church, his first and third marriages having been officiated by Methodist ministers. The Rev Seth Crowell, who presided at Robert's third marriage in 1817, was associated with the Duane Street Methodist Church near Hudson Street in Manhattan, New York County, New York. However, no burial records or markers have survived for this congregation.^{47,48}

Robert Castle made a will dated 27 December 1833, which was proved in New York County on 28 June 1834. The will named his wife Charity, his eldest daughter Elizabeth, daughter Amy, and son Robert. Charles Hendrickson (spouse of Amy), John Phillips, and John L. Schenck were named executors. The will was witnessed by Thomas C. Pinckney, Jacob W. Anderson, and Robert Barkley. The will does not mention a son William Castle. Probate proceedings however name William Castle of Albany, New York as an heir. William was probably the eldest son, so perhaps he had already received his inheritance from his father at the time his father's will was prepared. Probate proceedings do not suggest that the will was contested.^{49,50}

In a deed dated 27 April 1835, recorded 28 April 1835 in New York County, Robert Castle and Elizabeth Castle, heirs at law of Robert Castle, late deceased of New York, Charles Hendrickson and his wife Amy Louisa of Newark New Jersey sold to Rivard Blauvelt of New York City, in consideration of \$3000, a lot known as 151 Elizabeth Street. This was the

same property as recorded Liber 61, page 186, Joseph Sands to Robert Castle, 26 October 1801, with the same property description.⁵¹

Phebe Leverich and Robert Castle had three children.^{52,53}

- i. William Castle is named as an heir of Robert Castle in Probate Proceedings in New York County in 1834. See further discussion below.⁵⁴
- ii. Amy Louise Castle was born in Manhattan about 1810; she married Charles E. Hendrickson about 1830; Amy died at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey on 13 December 1889.^{55,56,57,58,59}
- iii. Robert C. Castle was born in Manhattan 3 December 1813, married 1 September 1836 Catharine Reinold, and died in Manhattan on 11 August 1891.^{60,61,62}

The 1855 New York State Census of Albany, New York records four William Castle's:

- William Castle, Butcher, Ward 9, born c 1805 New York Co
- William R. Castle, Cartman, Ward 7, born c 1811 Ulster Co
- William Castle, Printer, Ward 10, born c 1828 New York County
- William H. Castle, Ward 7, born c 1835, Dutchess Co.⁶³

The William Castle born about 1828 and the William Castle born about 1835 are both too young to have been the son of Phebe Leverich and Robert Castle. William R. Castle, born about 1812 is less likely because he was born in Ulster Co according to the 1855 NY State Census, and his father was born in Vermont, according to the 1880 U.S. Census. Robert Castle, husband of Phebe Leverich, was presumably born in England according to his petition for Naturalization in 1807, and it is assumed that their children were born in Manhattan (New York County) where they resided. Therefore, William Castle, born about 1805, Butcher, is the most probable candidate to have been the son of Phebe Leverich and Robert Castle.^{64,65,66,67,68}

William Castle, son of Phebe Leverich and Robert Castle of Manhattan, New York Co, New York, was born about 1805, presumably in Manhattan. He appears in the 1840, 1850, 1860 U.S. Censuses, as well as the 1855 and 1865 New York State Censuses, in Albany, New York, with a consistent age and occupation of Butcher. He lived in Ward 9 (1850 and 1855) and Ward 10 (1860 and 1865). William married for the first time about 1827 Mary <unidentified>. He married for a second time between 1855 and 1860 Hannah <unidentified>. William probably died about 1865. His wife Mrs. William Castle appears under her own name for the first time in the 1866 Albany City Directory.^{69,70,71,72,73,74}

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