

**Individual Narrative of Martha⁶ Hallett [90]
Daughter of Robert Hallett and Ruth⁵ Leverich[25]
Wife of Samuel Hare**

Martha Hallett was born between 1763 and 1771 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. She was the daughter of Robert Hallett and his 3rd wife Ruth Leverich. The approximate date of birth is calculated based upon related events. Robert and Ruth were married 29 July 1762 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, and Ruth died in 9 January 1771.^{1,2} Martha's calculated birth date range is consistent with census tallies for the 1810, 1820, and 1830 U.S. Census for Samuel Hare, and the 1840 U.S. Census for Martha Hare.^{3,4,5,6}

Martha Hallett married Samuel Hare probably between 1785 and 1790 at Newtown, Queens, New York. On 8 November 1790, Samuel and Martha Hare were baptized at the Grace Episcopal Church in Jamaica, Queens Co, New York. James Riker's manuscript notes included an interview of Richard Penfold Berrien (great nephew to Ruth Leverich Hallett, first cousin once removed to Martha Hallett) c 1848-1849 in which he states that Martha Hallett, daughter of Robert and Ruth Leverich, married Samuel Haire, son of Ludlum Haire of Middletown. It is further indicated that "Mrs. Haire lives in Mott Street where she owns a house."^{7,8}

Samuel was the son of Ludlum Hare and Mary Greenoak, who were married at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 14 September 1764. Consistent with his parents' marriage date, and the U.S. Census age tallies, Samuel was likely born between 1765 and 1775.^{9,10}

Samuel Hare is not found as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census. The 1790 baptisms of Samuel and Martha Hare at Grace Church in Jamaica suggests that the couple was then living in Queens County. Samuel and Martha may have been living in the household of Samuel's parents Ludlum and Mary Hare in Newtown, Queens County, NY. Ludlum's household is recorded in close proximity to Edmund Penfold, a first cousin to Martha Hallett Hare. Also nearby is the household of John Greenoak Sr, possibly Ludlum Hare's father in law. The census tallies record 1 free white male under age 16, 2 free white males over the age of 16, and 4 free white females. This could have been Ludlum and Mary Hare, Samuel and Martha Hare, and perhaps three children of Samuel and Martha, i.e. 1 son and 2 daughters.^{11,12}

By 1793, Samuel Hare had relocated to Manhattan Island, New York County where he is listed as a house-carpenter living at 17 Barclay Street. Amos Hare, a brother to Samuel, is listed as a ship-carpenter living at 51 Lumber St in Manhattan.¹³

Samuel Hare is not found as a head of household in the 1800 U.S. Census. However, the 1800 New York City Directory records Samuel Hare living at 26 Barclay in Manhattan.^{14,15}

On 6 January 1801, the following notice was published in the *Albany Centinel* newspaper. "By order of Richard Harison, esq. Recorder of the city of New York -- Notice is hereby given to all the creditors of Samuel Hare of the city of New York, Carpenter, an insolvent debtor, that they show cause, if any they have, before the said Recorder, by the fifteenth day of January next, at his office, situate in Broadway, in the city of New-York, why an assignment should not be made of the said insolvent's estate, for the benefit of all his creditors, and the said Samuel Hare discharged agreeable to the act, entitled "An act for giving relief in cases of insolvency," passed 21st March 1787. Dated November 21st, 1800. SAMUEL HARE, Insolvent. Amos Hare, one of the petitioning creditors."¹⁶

Samuel Hare is not listed in the 1801 or 1802 New York City Directory. He is recorded in the 1803 New York City Directory, a carpenter living at 3 Roosevelt.¹⁷

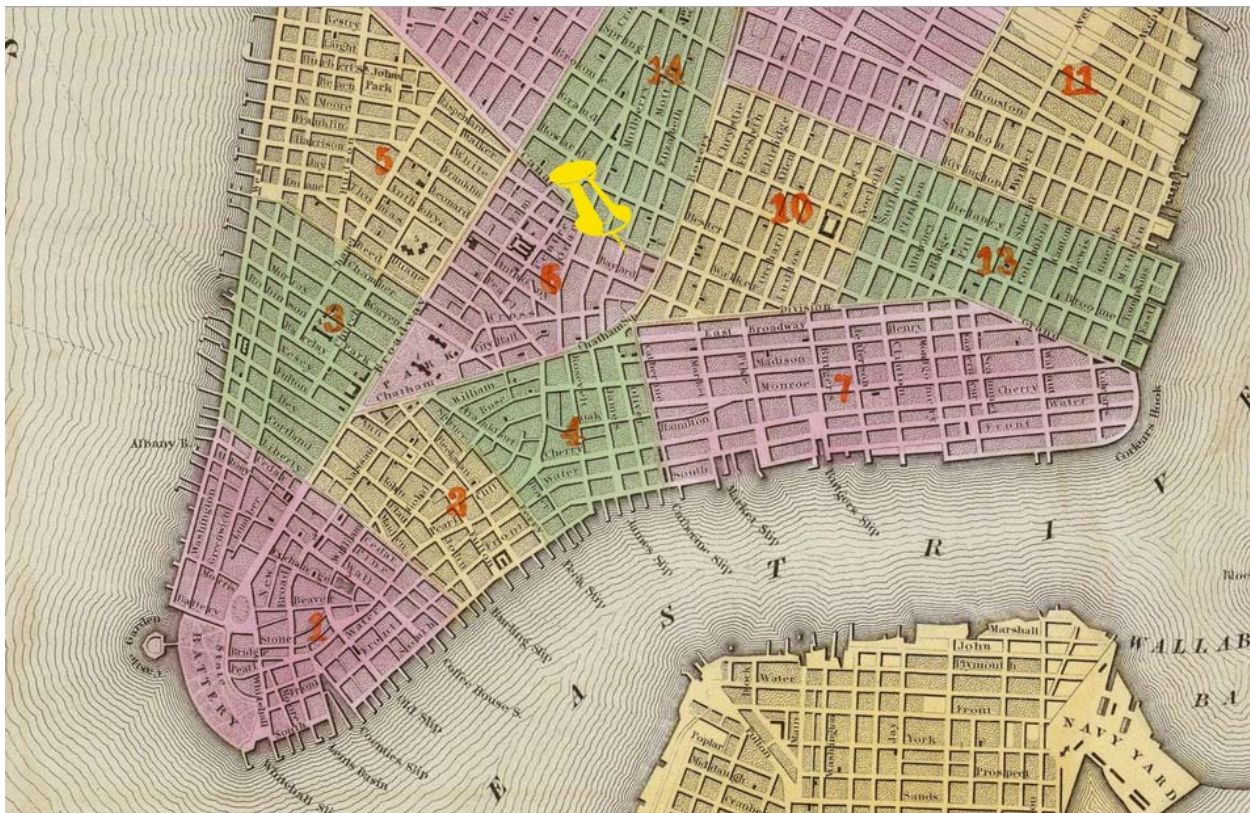
On 9 April 1802, in the Queens Co New York Surrogate Court, Letters of Administration on the estate of Ludlum Hare of Newtown, Queens Co, New York were granted to Amos Hare, Samuel Hare, and Edward Hare, Mary Hare the widow of the deceased having renounced.¹⁸

Samuel and Edward Hare, probably brothers, and both carpenters, are likely sharing a residence in 1804 at Winne Street, and in 1807 at 36 Orchard, according to the New York City Directory.^{19,20}

Samuel Hare is listed as a head of household in the 1810 U.S. Census in Manhattan Ward 6, New York County, New York. In the 1810 New York City Directory, Samuel Hare is recorded as a carpenter living at 72 Mott, which was located in Ward 6 at that time. The Census tallies include 1 free white male under the age of 10, 1 free white male age 16 to 25, 1 free white male age 26 to 44, 1 free white male over the age of 45; also 1 free white female age 10 to 15, and 1 free white female age 26 to 44. This suggests the couple Samuel and Martha Hare, and possibly three children, two boys and one girl.^{21,22}

In a deed dated 1 May 1810, Samuel Hare (house carpenter) and wife Martha and Edward Hare (house carpenter) and wife Charity of New York sold to Elijah Anderson in consideration of \$1812.50 a house and lot of land in 10th Ward City of New York bounded westerly in front by Orchard St, southerly by ground now or late of William Burnet, northerly by ground late of Cornelius Haffey, and easterly in the rear by ground now or late of Henry Cruger containing in breadth in front and rear each twenty five feet and in length on each side forty four feet. The deed was witnessed by Francis Child and Daniel Haight, and recorded 13 January 1817 in New York County, NY.²³

Samuel Hare is listed as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census in Manhattan Ward 6, New York County, New York. In the 1820 New York City Directory, Samuel Hare is recorded as a carpenter living at 66 Mott, which was located in Ward 6 at that time. The Census tallies include 1 free white male and 1 free white female over the age of 45 (Samuel and Martha), and 1 free white female age 16 to 25 (possible daughter). The two young males from the 1810 household are no longer present.^{24,25}



Samuel and Martha (Hallett) Hare: 66 Mott Street between Canal and Bayard, Manhattan, New York Co, NY 1838 <Bradford, Rumsey Collection>

On 17 December 1822, the *New York Spectator* published the following notice. "Married on Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Feltus (note: an Anglican minister per Google search), Mr. John Morrison to Miss Mary Hare, daughter of Samuel Hare, all of this city." This is likely the daughter from the 1820 Census. No other Samuel Hare's are found in the New York City Directory or 1820 Census at that time. Little further information has been found regarding John Morrison and his wife Mary Hare. U.S. Census records are inconclusive.^{26,27,28}

Samuel Hare is listed as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census in Manhattan Ward 6, New York County, New York. In the 1830 New York City Directory, Samuel Hare is recorded as a carpenter living at 66 Mott, which was located in Ward 6 at that time. The Census tallies by age do not match up. However, the household appears to include 4 free white persons, 2 males (one age 5 to 9) and 2 females. This suggests the possibility that the household included Samuel and Martha Hare, their daughter Mary Morrison, and a young grandson.^{29,30}

Neither a specific date of death nor place of burial has been identified for Samuel Hare. Samuel is recorded in the 1837-1838 New York City Directory as a carpenter living at 66 Mott St. The 1839-1840 New York City Directory records Martha Hare, widow of Samuel, living at 66 Mott Street. Therefore, Samuel must have died about 1838-1839, presumably in Manhattan, New York County, New York.^{31,32}

The 1840 U.S. Census records a "Mrs. Hare" in Manhattan Ward 6, New York County, New York. This is presumably, based upon the Ward 6 location, the widow Martha Hallett Hare. The census tallies include 1 free white female age 70 to 79 which fits for Martha. There are two other household members, 1 free white male age 15 to 19, and 1 free white female age 30 to 39. As in 1830, this suggests the possibility that the household included Martha Hare's daughter Mary Morrison, and a young grandson. 1850 U.S. Census results are inconclusive and a Mary Morrison fitting the above profile is not found.^{33,34}

Martha Hallett Hare may have died between 1843 and 1844 at Manhattan, New York, New York. The New York City Directory for 1840-1841 and 1842-1843 lists Martha Hare, widow of Samuel, 66 Mott. Martha does not appear in the New York City Directory for 1843-1844 or thereafter. Therefore, Martha likely died about 1843-1844, probably in Manhattan. Martha is not found in the 1850 U.S. Census.^{35,36,37}

The New York City Directory 1842-1843 and 1843-1844 lists Mary Morrison, widow of John, living at 66 Mott Street. This was likely Mary, daughter of Samuel and Martha Hare, who married John Morrison in 1822. This record also lends support to the theory that Mary and a son may have been living with her parents in 1830 and her mother in 1840 at the 66 Mott Street location. It also tends to confirm that her mother, Martha Hallett Hare, died about 1843-1844.^{38,39}

Mary Morrison is not found in the 1845-1846 New York City Directory. In this directory, a John C. Nixon and Sons, Cutlers, with a business address at 91 Nassau, is residing at 66 Mott Street, John Nixon and sons George, Henry, and James. Mary Morrison, widow of John, reappears in the New York City Directory 1846-1847 living at 215 1/2 Division. This suggests that Mary sold the house at 66 Mott to the Nixon's about 1845, however a deed of sale has not been found. It remains possible therefore that Mary was renting out the house.^{40,41,42}

Mary Morrison, widow of John, continues to be listed in the New York City Directory from 1848 to 1859.

- 1848 73 Mulberry
- 1849 73 Mulberry
- 1850 169 Monroe
- 1853 205 Ave C
- 1855 Dressmaker 22 W 12th
- 1855 Seamstress 25 First Avenue
- 1857 22 W 12th
- 1859 128 Willett

The frequent changes in address suggest that Mary was renting during this period of time. Mary no longer appears in the New York City Directory after 1859. This suggests that Mary may have died about 1860, or she was residing with another person, perhaps a son. Mary is not found in the 1860 U.S. Census. The name of Mary's presumed son has not been identified. Neither a specific date of death nor a burial place has been found for Mary.^{43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53}

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