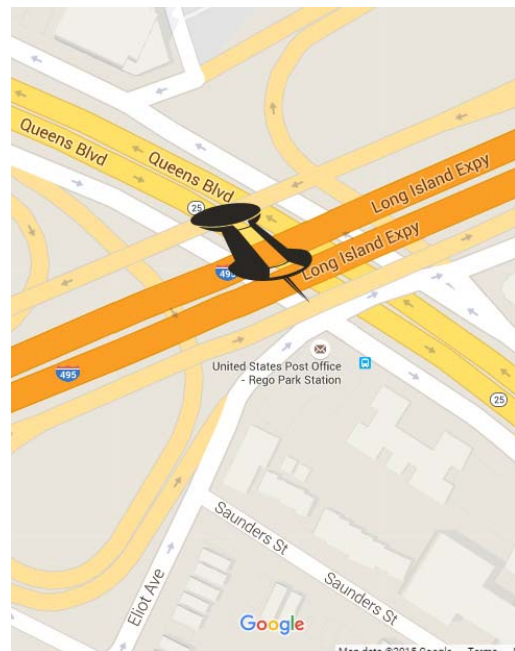
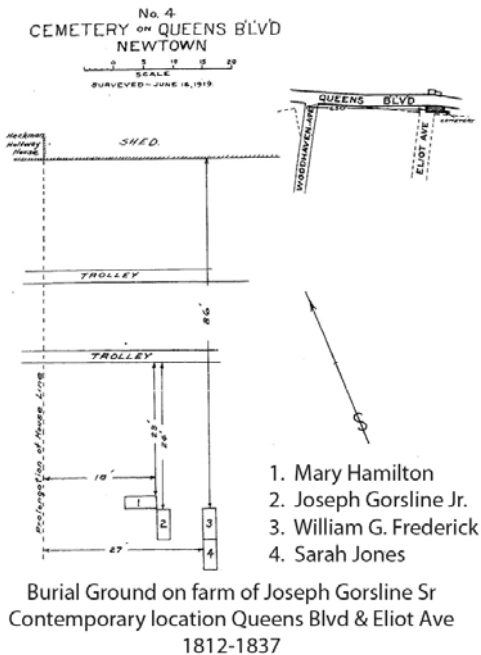
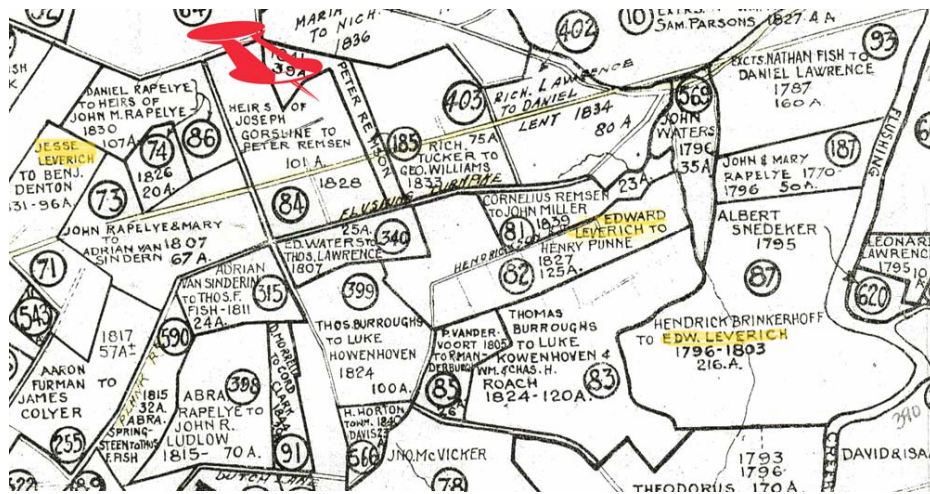


Individual Narrative of Sarah⁶ Gorsline [96] "Jones" Daughter of Joseph Gorsline and Sarah⁵ Leverich [26]

Sarah Gorsline was born on 22 Jul 1770 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Joseph Gorsline and Sarah Leverich. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Sarah's age at the time of death, and her comparative age relative to the birth order of her siblings as listed in their father's will.^{1,2}

According to a gravestone inscription, Sarah may have died 18 May 1837, age 66 years, 9 months, and 26 days.³ Sarah "Jones" <"in memory of Sarah Jones"> was buried in a family burial ground located on the farm of her father Joseph Gorsline Sr. The contemporary location of the burial ground is Queens Blvd and Eliot Avenue, and the site is now covered by the Long Island Expressway which intersects Queens Blvd at the approximate location of the site. At various times, the burial ground was called "the Cemetery on Queens Blvd", the "Eliot Avenue Cemetery", or the "Hoffman Blvd Cemetery". In 1919, four gravestones were recorded: Mary Hamilton, died 1814; Joseph Gorsline Jr., died 1812; William G. Frederick, died 1830; and Sarah Jones, died 1837. Mary Hamilton and Joseph Gorsline Jr were siblings of Sarah Gorsline, presumably Sarah Jones.^{4,5,6}



Joseph Gorsline Sr made a will at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 14 August 1813. Joseph records his children by name, in apparent birth order, including "my daughter Sarah Gosline". Joseph does not name a husband for Sarah, although he names the husbands of her sisters Martha, Elizabeth, and Betsy. Joseph further identifies the sons of Sarah Gosline <"her two children"> as Abraham and Richard, but does not identify their father or specify a surname.⁷

James Riker, in his manuscript papers, makes reference to an 1845 interview with his grandfather Riker, who mentions the daughters of Joseph Gorsline as "loose women". Sarah's sister Mary Gorsline Hamilton had an out of wedlock child named Edward Leverich Jr, and subsequently became the second wife of John Hamilton. The reference to "loose women" may pertain to Mary Gorsline Hamilton, as well as Sarah Gorsline Jones. The paternity of Sarah's sons Abraham and Richard has not been identified, and no record of a marriage to a "Jones" or anyone else has been found. Sarah's father Joseph refers to her as Sarah Gorsline at the time of making his will in 1813.^{8,9,10}

Only one "Sarah Jones" is found in the 1830 U.S. Census, a negro woman in Oyster Bay, Queens County. No Sarah Jones is found in Kings County. A Sarah Jones is found Ward 7 Manhattan, New York County, but is too young at age 30 to 39 to be Sarah Gorsline Jones.^{11,12,13} An analysis of the 1830 U.S. Census of Queens Co, New York, identifies five surnames shared by both an "Abraham" and a "Richard", i.e. Eldert, Hendrickson, Smith, Townsend, and Weeks. No further evidence however has been found to identify a surname for the sons of Sarah Gorsline Jones.¹⁴

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