

Individual Narrative of Deborah⁷ Leverich [180] Daughter of Samuel⁶ Leverich [66] and Sarah Berrian Wife of Nathaniel Berrian

Deborah Leverich was born on 15 Dec 1781 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Samuel Leverich and Sarah Berrian.^{1,2}

Deborah Leverich married Nathaniel Berrian, son of Abraham Berrian and Mary Moore, circa 1807 at Newtown, Queens, New York. A specific date and place of marriage has not been identified. The 1807 date cited is an estimate based upon the birth year of their first child in 1808.^{3,4}

Deborah and Nathaniel were first cousins. Nathaniel was the son of Abraham Berrian and Mary Moore. Abraham was the brother of Sarah Berrian, mother of Deborah Leverich.⁵

Nathaniel Berrian is recorded as a head of household in the 1810 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies list 1 free white male under age 10 (son Abraham); 1 free white male age 26-44 (Nathaniel Berrian); 1 free white female age 26-44 (wife Deborah Leverich Berrian).⁶

The Raynham Hall Museum, operated by the Oyster Bay (Nassau Co, New York) Historical Society has a collection of "Leverich Family Papers". This collection includes a seventeen page receipt book belonging to Richard Leverich of Newtown, Long Island, containing receipts dated December 1800 to May 1811. Receipts were entered beginning at the back of the book and continued chronologically to the front of the book. There are a total of 23 entries for the following individuals: John Morrell, George Brinckerhoff, William Furman, Law Rapelye, Edward Waters, Garret Springstein, John Ludlum, Cornelius Remsen, William Deane, ?James Ginnings?, Peter Vandervoort, Frost Wright, Jonathan ?Ginnings?, Edward Leverich Jr., Garret Remson, Geshom Ludlam, **Nathaniel Berrian**, John Folk, Benjamin Lawrence, Abraham Springstein, Gabriel Leverich, Edward Webber, and Ruben Mead.⁷

On 20 May 1812 Nathaniel Berrian provided a receipt to Richard Leverich for the purchase of flax seed and sundries, with an accounting showing what Nathaniel Berrian owed to Richard Leverich. Nathaniel was both a cousin and brother-in-law to Richard.^{8,9}

Nathaniel Berrian is recorded as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies list 3 free white males under age 10 (sons Samuel, William, and Richard); 1 free white male age 10 to 15 (son Abraham); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (Nathaniel Berrian); 1 free white female age 10 to 15 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Deborah).¹⁰

Between 1820 and 1830 Deborah and Nathaniel removed to Westchester Co, New York. Nathaniel Berrian is recorded as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of the Town of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York. The census tallies list 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son Richard); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (son William); 1 free white male age 20 to 29 (son Abraham); 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (Nathaniel Berrian); 1 free white female age 40 to 49 (wife Deborah).¹¹

On 31 May 1832 Joseph Oakley sold land to Nathaniel Berrian in the Town of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York. The land bordered the Hudson River near Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The transaction was apparently never recorded, not being found in the grantee index for Westchester Co. The 1832 transaction is mentioned in an 1853 deed when Nathaniel sold the tract.¹²

Nathaniel Berrian is recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies list 1 free white male age 20 to 29 (unidentified, perhaps son Abraham age 32); 1 free white male age 60 to 69 (Nathaniel Berrian); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (unidentified); 1 free white female age 60 to 69 (wife Deborah). Sons Richard and William Berrian are listed as separate heads of household immediately adjacent to each other as well as Nathaniel.¹³

Nathaniel Berrian died 5 January 1847 at Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York. Nathaniel was buried in the St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery in Yonkers.

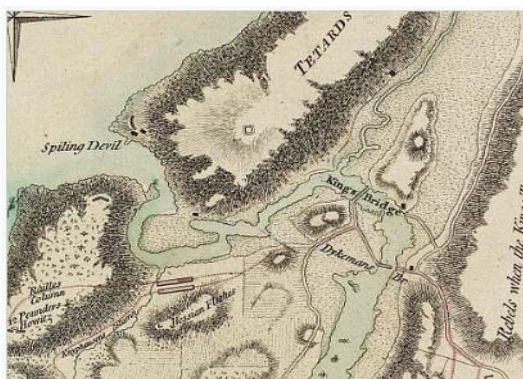
However, the records of St. John's give a date of 5 July 1847. The 5 January 1847 death date recorded at findagrave.com is perhaps a transcription error, but is replicated in the Berrian Family genealogy prepared by Baumeister and Plumb. It is possible that the 5 July 1847 date was a burial date, separate from the 5 January 1847 death date.^{14,15,16}

A legal notice was published 10 September 1849 pertaining to a Supreme Court action George B. Brinckerhoff and Sarah Ann his wife vs. Leonard Berrian Bleecker. Among the interested parties noticed were Abraham Berrian and Mary his wife; Deborah Berrian; Abraham Berrian (son of Nathaniel Berrian, deceased); Richard Berrian and Eliza A. his wife; William Berrian and Priscilla his wife; Mary Berrian; John Hoagland and Charity M. His wife; Charles Cook and Grace B. his wife. Deborah was the widow of Nathaniel Berrian. Abraham, William, and Richard were children of Nathaniel. Abraham (wife Mary), Mary, Charity Hoagland, and Grace Cook were siblings of Nathaniel. Other noticed parties included James H. Kolger and his wife Ann S.; Catharine R. Simonson; Andrew B. Rierson and Pelatiah W his wife; James L. Moore and Rachel Ann his wife; George B, Rebecca, Martha J. Josephine, Grace Louisa, Susan Ann, and Sarah Helen Moore. The property in dispute was described as all that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate lying and being in the town of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, about 80 acres: On the north by land late of Frederick Van Cortlandt, now, of Daniel Ewen; on the east by land of Nathaniel Berrian (deceased), Abraham Berrian, and _____ Dyckman; on the south by the Spuyten Devil Creek, or Harlem River; and on the west by the Hudson River.¹⁷

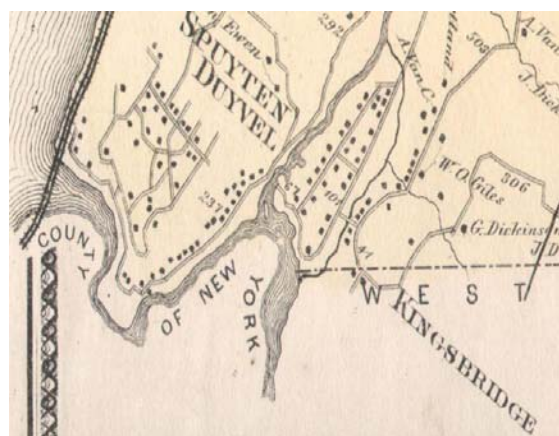
Widow Deborah Leverich Berrian, age 67, is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York. Included in the household is her son Abraham, age 41, single, a farmer. The head of the household is her son Richard Berrian, age 32, farmer, his wife and children. Son William Berrian, age 34, farmer, is recorded adjacent to Richard's property with his family.¹⁸

On 1 July 1852 a memorandum of agreement was executed between Deborah, Abraham, William, Richard Berrian (heirs of Nathaniel Berrian, deceased) of Westchester Co, New York of the first part, and David Bryant Cox of Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York of the second part to sell 38 acres of land on the Harlem River near Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The transaction was also to include two pieces of salt meadow amounting to four acres and one acre, and five acres of meadow, according to a map of the farm made by Thomas C. Cornell; in consideration of \$200 per acre, to be paid upon an agreed upon payment schedule. The transaction was recorded on 17 July 1852 by the Westchester Co clerk. This tract of land was then part of the Town of Yonkers (aka Kingsbridge section) in Westchester County, becoming part of Bronx borough of New York City and County in 1898, and the separate Bronx borough and County of the Bronx of New York City in 1914.¹⁹

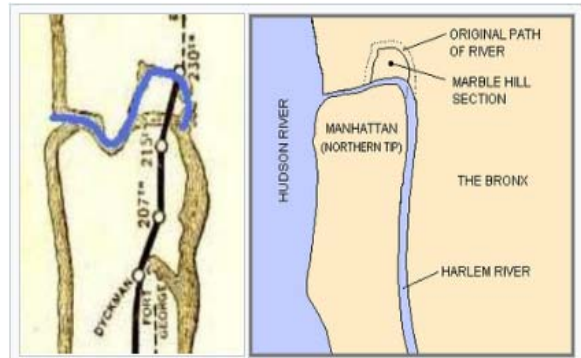
On 14 March 1853 a deed was executed between Deborah, Abraham, William and Priscilla, Richard and Eliza (heirs of Nathaniel Berrian deceased) of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York of the first part, and Elias Johnson, Daniel B. Cox, and Joseph W. Fuller, all of Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York of the second part to sell 38 acres of land in the Town of Yonkers. In consideration of \$8,622, the tract of land (aka Kingsbridge was described as bordering land late of Isaac Dyckman; road leading from the Hudson River Railroad towards Yonkers at Spuyten Duyvil; land late of John F. Delaplaine; land of Daniel Ewen; the Harlem River; and land late of George F. Coddington. This tract being the same as that conveyed to Nathaniel Berrian by Joseph Oakley on 31 May 1832 (apparently never recorded, not found in the Westchester Co deed indexes). The deed was recorded on 5 April 1853 by the Westchester Co clerk.²⁰



Spuyten Duyvil Creek, King's Bridge, and Marble Hill area, 1777 military map



The territory now contained within Bronx County was originally part of Westchester County, one of the 12 original counties of the English Province of New York. The present Bronx County was contained in the town of Westchester and parts of the towns in Yonkers, Eastchester, and Pelham. In 1846, a new town was created by division of Westchester, called West Farms. The town of Morrisania was created, in turn, from West Farms in 1855. In 1873, the town of **Kingsbridge** was established within the former borders of **Yonkers**, roughly corresponding to the modern Bronx neighborhoods of Kingsbridge, Riverdale, and Woodlawn <wikipedia.com>.



Spuyten Duyvil Creek, Town of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York
 aka Kings Bridge Section of Bronx County, New York
 <wikipedia.com>.

On 9 November 1853 a deed was executed between (heirs of Nathaniel Berrian) Mary (sister); Mary (mother, widow of Abraham), Deborah (widow); William and wife Priscilla (son); Richard and wife Eliza (son); Richard and wife Eliza (son); Abraham (son); John Hoagland and wife Charity M (sister): all parties of the first part of Westchester Co, New York. And Hudson River Railroad, party of the second part, in consideration of \$400: land for the railroad right of way through the properties of the parties of the first part. The deed was recorded on 3 November 1854 by the Westchester Co clerk.²¹

Widow Deborah Berrian, age 77, and her son Abraham, age 51, single, are recorded in the 1860 U.S. Census of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York, living in the household of Deborah's son Richard Berrian, a carpenter. Deborah's son William Berrian is recorded living in Yonkers 21 households away from Richard's household.²²

Deborah Leverich Berrian, widow of Nathaniel Berrian, died on 12 May 1862 at Kings Bridge at Yonkers, Westchester, New York, at age 80. Deborah was buried in the St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery in Yonkers.^{23,24,25,26}

Deborah Leverich and Nathaniel Berrian had five children, three of whom survived to adulthood.²⁷

- i. Abraham Berrian was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York 3 August 1808. Abraham died unmarried 22 October 1872 at Kingsbridge in the town of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York.^{28,29}
- ii. Sarah Berrian was born at Newtown 30 January 1811, and died as a child at Newtown 30 August 1812.³⁰
- iii. Samuel Berrian was born at Newtown 20 July 1813. Samuel Berrian died as a teenager in Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York on 3 January 1828.³¹
- iv. William Berrian was born at Newtown 8 September 1815. William married first Priscilla Berrian (3rd cousin) about 1834. William married second about 1855-1860 Eliza (unidentified). William married third about 1860-1870 Louisa (unidentified). William died 22 September 1880 at Kingsbridge in Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York.^{32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39}

- v. Richard E. Berrian was born at Newtown 26 January 1817. Richard married 5 November 1837 Elizabeth Margaret Norman at Bergen County, New Jersey. Richard died 23 January 1872 at Kingsbridge in the Town of Yonkers, Westchester Co, New York.^{40,41,42,43}

Printed on: 3 Oct 2018

Prepared by:

Tom Leverich

28 Saratoga Drive

West Windsor, New Jersey 08550

tomaug12@aol.com

609-275-1239

www.leverichgenealogy.org

Bibliography

- 1810 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. NARA, M252, Roll 34. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- 1812 May 20 Receipt: Nathaniel Berrian to Richard Leverich; Oyster Bay Historical Society; 20 Summit St, Oyster Bay, New York 11771.
- 1820 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. NARA, M33, Role 78. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- 1840 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. NARA, M704, Roll 353. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- 1850 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. NARA, M432, Roll 615. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- 1852 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to David B Cox; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523.
- 1853 March 14 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to Elias Johnson et al; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523.
- 1853 Nov 9 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to Hudson River Railroad; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523.
- 1860 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. NARA, M653, Roll 880. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- 1870 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. NARA, M593, Roll 1118. Ancestry.com, 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604.
- Ancestry.com, *New Jersey Marriage Records 1670-1965*, Index, online www.ancestry.com.
- Baumeister, Margaret Kilpatrick and Plumb, Margaret Grant. "The Berrien Family Genealogy," *Transactions Huguenot Society of South Carolina* Numbers 72-74 (1967-1969).
- Eastern State Journal*, White Plains, New York, 1845-1918, Old Fulton New York Post Cards.
- Find A Grave. Online www.findagrave.com.
- Leverich Family Papers. 1771-1827. Raynham Hall Museum, 20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771.
- New York Herald*, New York, New York, 1840-1920, GenealogyBank.
- New York Marriages 1686-1980. Online www.familysearch.org.
- New York Sun*, New York, New York, 1833-1950, New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building.
- Port Chester Journal*, Port Chester, Westchester Co, New York, 1876-1914, GenealogyBank.
- Riker Jr, James. *Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New York: Containing Its History from its first Settlement*. New York: D. Fanshaw, 1852.
- Spies, Francis F.. *Inscriptions Copied from the Gravestones in St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY*. Mt. Vernon, N.Y.: Privately Printed, 1925.

Endnotes

-
- ¹Margaret Kilpatrick Baumeister and Margaret Grant Plumb, "The Berrien Family Genealogy," *Transactions Huguenot Society of South Carolina*, Numbers 72-74 (1967-1969): Volume 74, page 48. Hereinafter cited as "Berrien Family Genealogy."
- ²Find A Grave, online <www.findagrave.com>, Memorial Number 68259542. Hereinafter cited as Find A Grave.
- ³Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, page 48.
- ⁴James Riker Jr, *Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New York: Containing Its History from its first Settlement* (New York: D. Fanshaw, 1852), page 353. Hereinafter cited as *Annals of Newtown*.
- ⁵Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, pages 47-49.
- ⁶1810 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M252, Roll 34, Town of Newtown, page 286.
- ⁷Leverich Family Papers, Miscellaneous Family Papers, 1771-1827, Raynham Hall Museum, 20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771, Item Number F82.6.1.
- ⁸Ibid., Item F82.6.0.
- ⁹1812 May 20 Receipt: Nathaniel Berrian to Richard Leverich; Oyster Bay Historical Society; 20 Summit St, Oyster Bay, New York 11771; No page citation. Hereinafter cited as 1812 May 20 Receipt.
- ¹⁰1820 U.S. Census New York, Queens Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M33, Role 78, Town of Newtown, page 44A.
- ¹¹1840 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M704, Roll 353, Town of Yonkers, page 11.
- ¹²1853 March 14 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to Elias Johnson et al; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523; Liber 223, page 442. Hereinafter cited as 1853 March 14 Deed Westchester Co, New York.
- ¹³1840 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co, Ancestry.com, Town of Yonkers, page 155.
- ¹⁴Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy."
- ¹⁵Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 682595553.
- ¹⁶Francis F. Spies, compiler, *Inscriptions Copied from the Gravestones in St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY* (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.: Privately Printed, 1925), page 17. Hereinafter cited as *St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY*.
- ¹⁷*Eastern State Journal*, White Plains, New York, 1845-1918. Hereinafter cited as *Eastern State Journal*, 10 September 1849.
- ¹⁸1850 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M432, Roll 615, Town of Yonkers, page 235A.
- ¹⁹1852 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to David B Cox; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523; Liber 199, page 192. Hereinafter cited as 1852 Deed Westchester Co, New York.
- ²⁰1853 March 14 Deed Westchester Co, New York, Liber 223, page 442.
- ²¹1853 Nov 9 Deed Westchester Co, New York: Heirs Nathaniel Berrian to Hudson River Railroad; Westchester County, New York Archives; 2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, Westchester, New York 10523; Liber 287, page 361. Hereinafter cited as 1853 Nov 9 Deed Westchester Co, New York.
- ²²1860 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M653, Roll 880, Town of Yonkers, page 658.
- ²³*New York Sun*, New York, New York, 1833-1950. Hereinafter cited as *New York Sun*, 13 May 1862.
- ²⁴Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, page 48.
- ²⁵Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 682595542.
- ²⁶Spies, *St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY*, page 17.
- ²⁷Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, page 48.
- ²⁸Ibid.
- ²⁹*New York Herald*, New York, New York, 1840-1920. Hereinafter cited as *New York Herald*, 24 October 1872.
- ³⁰Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, page 48.
- ³¹Ibid.
- ³²Ibid.

³³1870 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co. Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. NARA, M593, Roll 1118, Town of Yonkers, page 524B.

³⁴1850 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co, Ancestry.com, Town of Yonkers, page 235A.

³⁵Spies, *St. John's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY*, page 18.

³⁶Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 145735342.

³⁷1860 U.S. Census New York, Westchester Co, Ancestry.com, Town of Yonkers, page 661.

³⁸*Port Chester Journal*, Port Chester, Westchester Co, New York, 1876-1914. Hereinafter cited as *Port Chester Journal*, 30 September 1880.

³⁹Find A Grave, online www.findagrave.com, Memorial Number 145735283 and 1678839906.

⁴⁰Baumeister and Plumb, "Berrien Family Genealogy", Volume 74, page 48.

⁴¹*New Jersey Marriage Records 1670-1965*, Ancestry.com Index, online www.ancestry.com), Bergen County.

⁴²New York Marriages 1686-1980, online <www.familysearch.org>, GS Films 1562048 and 1544274. Hereinafter cited as New York Marriages 1686-1980.

⁴³*New York Herald*, 24 January 1872.