

**Individual Narrative of Benjamin⁷ Leverich [188]
Son of Gabriel⁶ Leverich [67] and Hannah Thorpe
Husband of Evelina Myers**

Benjamin Leverich was born on 16 Sep 1794 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. He was the son of Gabriel Leverich and Hannah Thorpe. The birth date is a calculated estimate based upon Benjamin's age at the time he died in 1832.^{1,2,3}

Benjamin Leverich was enrolled briefly in the War of 1812, September 14-18, 1814, as a private in the company commanded by Capt. John Wood in the regiment commanded by Col. Jonathan Varian. Another record, which contained no dates, indicated that Benjamin was enrolled as a corporal in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Miers in Col. Jonathan Varian's regiment.⁴

Benjamin Leverich married Evelina Myers on 19 Nov 1818 at Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, at the Salem Church of the Evangelist.^{5,6} Evelina Myers was born about 1805, the daughter of Benjamin Myers and Sarah Riggs, probably in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. This information is based upon a FamilySearch family tree which is unsourced.⁷

On 26 January 1819 the following Public Notice was published in the *Centinel of Freedom* in Newark, Essex Co., New Jersey.

"The co-partnership of the subscribers in the Coach Making Business, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 23 inst. All persons indebted to them are requested to make payment; and those who have demands to present them for adjustment.

BENJAMIN LEVERICH

JOHN W. SNELL

N.B. The Coach Making Business will be carried on by B. Leverich, at the old stand -- where orders will be thankfully received and promptly executed.

Newark, January 23, 1819.⁸

On 13 July 1819 the following Public Notice was published in the *Centinel of Freedom* in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey.

"Sales at Auction.

Benjamin Leverich, vs. John Bale. On Attachment.

... the undersigned, Auditors appointed by the said Court ... will sell at Public Vendue on the 18th of July, inst. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon .. at the Shop in Walnut Street in the Town of Newark, lately occupied by John Bale the defendant .. a number of finished and unfinished Chariottee and Gig Bodies ... and other articles the property of the said John Bale ... Who also hereby give notice that they will meet on the 18 day of July ... to audit and adjust the demands of the said Benjamin Leverich and such other creditors of the said John Bale, as shall apply to them for that purpose.⁹"

There was no City Directory for Newark, New Jersey for 1820, and the 1820 U.S. Census for New Jersey has been lost. It is presumed that Benjamin Leverich and family lived in Newark about 1820-1826. Benjamin appears in the New York City Directory for 1826/1827 described as a coachmaker, 60 Greene St.¹⁰ Benjamin Leverich is listed in the New York City Directory from 1827 to 1832, described as a coachmaker, business location in 1831-1832 at 547 Broadway, residence 107 Mercer Street.^{11,12,13,14,15,16}

Benjamin Leverich is recorded as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 8, New York County, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male under the age of 5 (son Theodore); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son John T.); 1 free white male age 30 to 39 (Benjamin); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter Evelina); 1 free white female age 30 to 39 (wife Evelina).¹⁷

Benjamin Leverich died on 16 Jan 1832 at Manhattan, New York, New York, at age 37 years, four months. Originally, Benjamin was buried in the Leverich Family Burial Ground in Queens Co, New York. Subsequently, at an undetermined date, Benjamin was reinterred at the Newtown Presbyterian Church graveyard.^{18,19}

Evelina Leverich is listed in the 1835-1836 Newark New Jersey City Directory, widow, Front Street opposite bridge.²⁰

Gabriel Leverich, younger brother of Benjamin Leverich, made a will dated 12 February 1839. Gabriel died 20 September 1839. In his will, he named among his beneficiaries the "education of the children of his deceased brother Benjamin."²¹

On 27 March 1839, Samuel Leverich, executor of the estate of his brother Gabriel Leverich, petitioned the Kings Co, New York Surrogate County to appoint a guardian for the children of Benjamin Leverich, i.e. John T., Evelyn, and Theodore Leverich, who were living at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey, presumably with their widowed mother. The court appointed Nathaniel Waring as the guardian of the children.²²

An "Eveline Leveridge" was recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census, Newark North Ward, Essex County, New Jersey. This may have been the widow of Benjamin Leverich. However, none of the census tallies are consistent with the then known ages of Eveline and her children.²³

Evelina Leverich is listed in the 1840-1841 Newark City Directory, 30 Front Street.²⁴

Evelina Leverich, widow, and John T Leverich, coach painter, are listed in the Newark City Directory 1845 to 1849, living at 24 Lombardy St.^{25,26,27,28}

On 28 August 1848 a final accounting of the estate of Gabriel Leverich was recorded at the Kings County, New York Surrogate Court. Among the heirs listed were John Leverich, son of deceased brother Benjamin; and Henry (recording error, should have been Asa) Dunham and wife Evelina, daughter of deceased brother Benjamin; and Theodore, minor child, son of deceased brother Benjamin.²⁹

As of 1849 Evelina Leverich is no longer listed in the Newark City Directory. The Newark City Directory 1849 to 1852 does include John T. Leverich, coach painter; and Theodore P. Leverich, japanner; sharing a residence at 16 Halsey Street.^{30,31,32}

Evelina Leverich does not appear in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. However, this census, north ward, records a household including John T. Leverich, age 28; his wife Laura, age 30; and his brother Theodore, age 22.³³

Neither a death date nor a burial place has been discovered for widow Evelina Leverich. However, based upon the city directory and census records, it would appear likely that Evelina Leverich died circa 1849-1850, probably at Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey.^{34,35}

On 23 October 1857 a legal notice was published in the Albany (NY) Evening Journal summoning a list of heirs to attend a final accounting of the estate of Gabriel Leverich at the Kings Co, New York Surrogate Court. The list of heirs included John T. Leverich, Asa W.W. Dunham and Eveline Dunham his wife, residing at Newark, New Jersey; also the children of Benjamin Leverich, i.e. Eveline Leverich, Laura Leverich, and Anna Leverich, residing in Newark, all minors under age 21, and having no general guardian in the State of New York.³⁶

On 21 December 1857 a final accounting of the estate of Gabriel Leverich was recorded at the Kings County, New York Surrogate Court. Among the heirs listed were John T. Leverich, Asa W. W. Dunham and wife Evelina; personal representatives of Theodore Leverich, deceased; Eveline, Laura, and Anna Leverich (children of Theodore Leverich, deceased).³⁷

Ann Leverich, sister of Benjamin Leverich, died 13 December 1874. Letters of Administration on her estate were granted to her nephew John T. Leverich of Newark, New Jersey on 7 January 1875 at the Kings Co, New York Surrogate Court.³⁸

On 13 August 1878 a legal notice was published in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, ordering the parties in litigation disputing ownership of multiple lots of land located in Manhattan and Brooklyn to produce to the court referees, Supreme Court of Kings Co, New York, documents supporting their position in the litigation. The list of parties to the litigation included John T. Leverich and Laura his wife; Laura Leverich (daughter of Theodore); Eva D. Crane and Caleb G. Crane, her husband; Mary A. Leverich (daughter of Theodore).³⁹

Benjamin Leverich and Evelina Myers had three children that survived to adulthood.^{40,41,42}

- i. John Tuttle Leverich was born on 23 April 1821 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. John married Laura Snow of Prattsville, Greene Co, New York 20 May 1845 in Newark. John died 4 December 1884 in Newark. John was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.^{43,44,45,46}
- ii. Evelina Leverich was born about 1823 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Evelina married Asa W. W. Dunham about 1849 at Newark. Evelina died 15 August 1865 at Newark and was buried at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.^{47,48,49,50}
- iii. Theodore Leverich was born about 1827-1828 in Newark, Essex Co, New Jersey. Theodore married Anna E. Snow on 7 July 1851 at Stamford, Delaware Co, New York. Theodore died 20 February 1856 at Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, and was buried at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Newark.^{51,52,53,54,55,56}

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