

Individual Narrative of Dorothy⁷ Leverich McDonough [117] Daughter of James McDonough and Hannah⁶ Leverich [56] Wife of David Van Wickel Jr.

Dorothy Leverich McDonough^{1,2} was born on 9 Jul 1788 at Newtown, Queens, New York, the daughter of James McDonough and Hannah Leverich.^{3,4,5}

Dorothy married David Van Wickel Jr., son of David Van Wickel Sr and Eunice Livesay, on 24 Apr 1817 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at St. James Episcopal Church. The Van Wickel surname was spelled both "kel" and "kle."^{6,7,8}

David Van Wickel Jr was born 29 March 1787 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{9,10,11}

On 1 May 1813 David Van Wickel Sr and his wife Eunice sold in consideration of \$250 land to David Van Wickel, Jr: lot and premises in Newtown 1.2 acres bounded in front by road leading to Rapelye's Hill, east and north by land of David Van Wickel Sr, and west by land of Joseph Burroughs. The deed was recorded 13 September 1825.¹² On 24 April 1820 Joseph Burroughs and his wife Else of Newtown sold in consideration of \$237.50 land to David Van Wickel Jr: 2.5 acres at Newtown opposite the dwelling house of David Van Wickel Jr beginning at angle made by highway and George J. Rapelye's orchard, ending northwest to highway. The deed was recorded 13 September 1825.¹³



Van Wickel Homestead
 1852 Riker Map of Newtown, Queens Co, NY



THE VAN WICKEL HOMESTEAD. One of the earliest properties to be built in the Corona area was the home of David Van Wickel, in 1765. It was located on the north side of Corona Avenue opposite present-day Ninety-eighth Street and consisted of 20 acres. It was demolished in April 1916.

Corona The Early Years

David Van Wickel Jr is recorded in the 1820 U.S. Census in Newtown, Queens Co, New York, listed adjacent to his father. The census tallies list 1 free white male age 10 to 15 and 1 free white male 16 to 18 (probably apprentices or farm laborers); 1 free white male age 26 to 44 (David Van Wickel Jr); 2 free white females under age 10 (daughters Hannah and Jane); 1 free white female age 26-44 (wife Dorothy); 3 persons engaged in manufactures.¹⁴

David Van Wickel Jr is recorded in the 1830 U.S. Census in Newtown, Queens Co, New York, listed adjacent to his father. The census tallies list 2 free white males under the age of 5 (sons Edward and Losee); 1 free white male age 5 to 9 (son John); 1 free white male age 10 to 14 and 4 free white males age 15 to 19 (probably apprentices or farm laborers); 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (David Van Wickel Jr); 1 free white female under the age of 5 (daughter Mary Ann); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (unidentified); 2 free white females age 10 to 14 (daughters Hannah and Jane); 1 free white female age 40 to 49 (wife Dorothy); 1 free white female age 50 to 59 (unidentified).¹⁵

David Van Wickel Jr is recorded in the 1840 U.S. Census in Newtown, Queens Co, New York, listed near to his widowed mother. The census tallies list 2 free white males age 5 to 9 (sons George and Frederick); 2 free white males age 10 to 14 (sons Edward and Losee); 1 free white male age 15 to 19 (son John); 1 free white male age 50 to 59 (David Van Wickel Jr); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Mary Ann); 2 free white females age 15 to 19 (daughters Hannah and Jane); 1 free white female age 50 to 59 (wife Dorothy).¹⁶

David Van Wickel Jr is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. His occupation is listed as farmer with real estate valued at \$2500. The household includes David (age 62), Dorothy (age 31, obviously a recording error, actually 62), John age 27, Mary (age not legible, actually 23), Losee (age not legible, actually 22), and Frederick age 17. The household also includes 4 unrelated Irish laborers.¹⁷

David Van Wickel Jr died at Newtown in his 69th year on 9 May 1855. He was buried at St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown.^{18,19}

Losee Van Wickel, age 32, farmer, is listed as the head of household in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household includes his widowed mother Dorothy, age 72; brothers John, age 37, and Frederick, age 27; and his widowed sister Mary Gass, age 33. Living nearby are the households of sisters Hannah Eliza Randell (wife of Morris Randell) and Jane Randell (wife of Jonathan Randell).²⁰

Dorothy Leverich Van Wickel died on 13 Nov 1866 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at age 78 and was buried at St. James Episcopal Church.^{21,22,23}

Dorothy made a will dated 13 November 1865, which was proved at the Queens Co Surrogate Court on 22 November 1866. In her will, Dorothy mentions eight children, six of whom were then living: George S. Van Wickel, John Van Wickel, Edward Leverich Van Wickel, Losee V.N. Van Wickel, and Frederick Van Wickel. The two deceased children are named as Hanna Eliza Randall and Jane Ellen Randall.²⁴

David Van Wickel Jr and Dorothy Leverich McDonough Van Wickel had eight children.²⁵

- i. Hannah Eliza Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 20 December 1818. She was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church on 20 May 1819. Hannah married Morris V. Randell at St. James in September 1841. Hannah died at Newtown 23 March 1858, age 40, and was buried at St. James. Morris and Hannah are recorded in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown.^{26,27,28,29,30}
- ii. Jane Ellen Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 1 August 1820. She was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church on 11 February 1821. Jane married Jonathan Randell Jr at St. James in September 1841. Jane died at Newtown 7 February 1851, and was buried at St. James. Jonathan and Jane are recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census at Newtown. In the 1860 U.S. Census, Jonathan has remarried and relocated to Hempstead, Queens Co, New York.^{31,32,33,34,35}
- iii. John Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 9 October 1822. John married c 1861 Elizabeth Mander Patterson. John died 1 July 1892 and was buried at St. James Episcopal Church. John Van Wickel is recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Censuses of Newtown.^{36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46}
- iv. Edward Leverich Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 25 September 1824 (based upon his age at time of death). He was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church 3 October 1827. Edward married first Hannah R. Simmons, who died at the age of 34 on 3 November 1861. Edward married for a second time prior to 1870 Charlotte (surname unidentified). Edward died 26 October 1883 at Newtown and was buried at St. James Episcopal Church. Edward L. Van Wickel is recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Censuses of Newtown.^{47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56}
- v. Mary Ann Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York c 1827. The birth date is estimated based upon her age at the time of death. She was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church on 3 October 1827. Mary Ann Van Wickel married Richard Henry Gass at St. James Episcopal Church 2 February 1859. Richard died only four months later on 21 June 1859. Mary married for a second time Nicholas Van Antwerp after 1870. Mary

died 13 September 1891, age 65, at Newtown and was buried at St. James Episcopal Church. Mary is recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 U.S. Censuses of Newtown.^{57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67}

- vi. Losee Van Nostrand Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 30 September 1828. He was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church on 19 April 1829. Losee was never married. Losee died at Newtown 7 November 1904, and buried at St. James Episcopal Church. Losee Van Wickel was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 Censuses of Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76}
- vii. George Shelton Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 4 June 1830. He was baptized at St. James Episcopal Church on 12 September 1830. George Van Wickel married Emma A. Backus between 1860 and 1870. George died at Jamaica, Queens Co, NY 11 March 1893 and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. George was recorded in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 U.S. Censuses in Newtown.^{77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84}
- viii. Frederick D. Van Wickel was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York in March 1833. Frederick was never married. Frederick died at Newtown 2 November 1904 and was buried at St. James Episcopal Church.^{85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92}

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