

Individual Narrative of Jacob⁷ Palmer Leverich [134] Son of Edward⁶ Leverich [60] and Elizabeth Palmer

Jacob Palmer Leverich¹ was born in April 1791 at Newtown, Queens County, New York, the son of Edward Leverich Sr. and Elizabeth Palmer. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Jacob's age at the time of death.² Jacob was baptized on 5 June 1791 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Jacob was apparently named after his maternal grandfather.³

Jacob P. Leverich served in the War of 1812, a sergeant in the 64th and 93rd Consolidated Regiment of New York Militia, commanded by Capt. Edward Leverich, Jacob's father. The term of service was three months, from 2 September to 2 December 1814.^{4,5,6}

Edward Leverich and his son Jacob P. Leverich were witnesses to the will of Thomas Lawrence of Newtown, dated 7 December 1824.⁷

Jacob P. Leverich was likely living at his father Edward's farm in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 30 to 39, which would correspond to a birth year in 1791.⁸

On 1 April 1830, the executors of the estate of Jesse Leverich, i.e. Edward Leverich, John Leverich, and Andrew Gorsline, executed a lease of the family farm to Nathaniel Sammis. The instrument was witnessed by Jacob P. Leverich. Mr. Sammis agreed to work the farm, and had half of the farm house for his use, the other half being reserved for the use of the widow.⁹

Jacob P. Leverich married Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Daniel Sackett Moore and Hannah Moore, on 5 Oct 1831 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Shelton at St. James Episcopal Church. Jacob and Elizabeth did not have any children.^{10,11,12,13}

Elizabeth Moore was born 6 April 1805 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{14,15} Elizabeth Moore was baptized 16 June 1805 at St. James Episcopal Church in Newtown.¹⁶

Jacob P. Leverich was chosen an elder of the Newtown Presbyterian Church in 1833.^{17,18}

Edward Leverich Sr. made a will dated 13 May 1835 at Newtown. The will was proved 29 August 1835. Jacob P. Leverich was appointed guardian of his half sisters, Anna and Sarah, minor children of Edward by his second wife Patience Moore.¹⁹

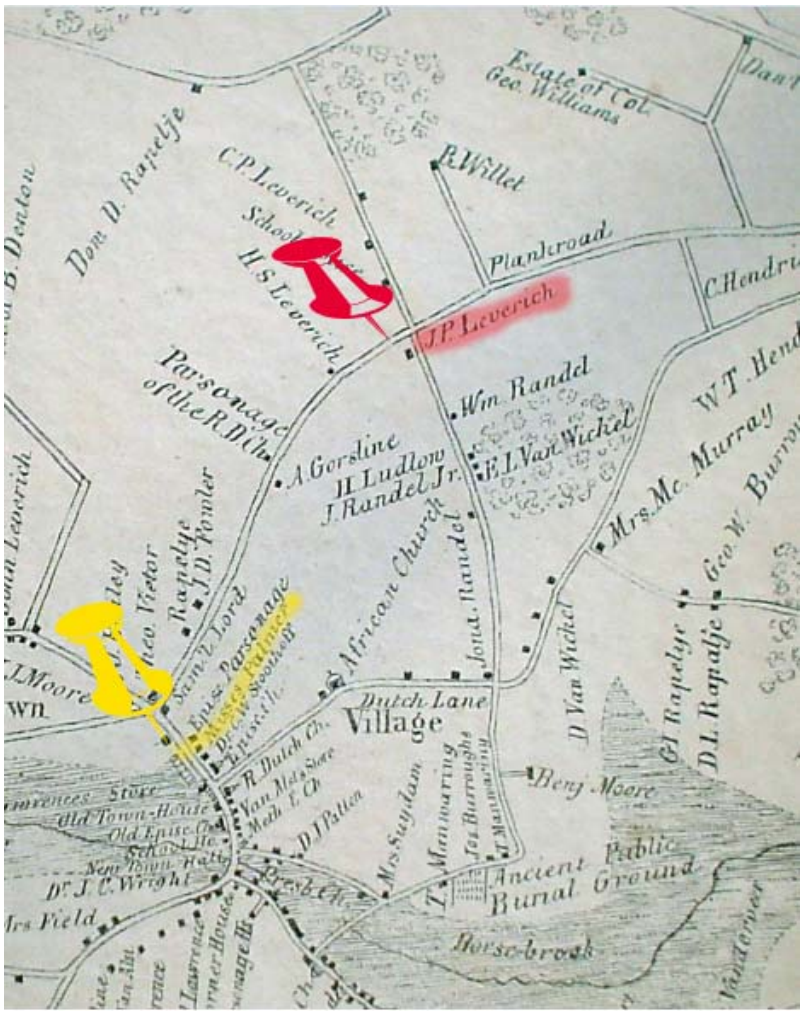
"Palmer" Leverich is listed in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. In addition to Jacob and Elizabeth, the household included 1 free white female age 20-29, 1 free colored male age 36 to 54, and a free colored female age 10 to 23. Jacob's brother Henry Leverich is listed adjacent to Jacob in the census record.²⁰

The Presbytery of New York appointed committees to visit churches under its care. The following appointments (in part) were made in November 1844: Greenbush -- Wednesday, November 27 at 11:00 o'clock A.M.; Nyack -- on the same day, afternoon and evening. The committee to visit both the above places were Messrs. Macdonald, Krebs and Goldsmith, Ministers; and Jacob P. Leverich and Thompson Price, Elders.²¹

Jacob P. Leverich, farmer age 58, is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household included Jacob's wife Elizabeth age 45; Rosa Riley, age 27 born Ireland; Charity Palmer, Black, age 90, born New York; and George Berry, Black, age 45, born New York, laborer. The value of Jacob's real estate is given as \$10,000.²²

On 13 November 1850 Jacob P. Leverich filed a Declaration in support of his application for Bounty Land Warrant based upon his military service during the War of 1812. Jacob was awarded 40 acres in Linn County, Iowa: Section 26, NE1/4SW1/4, Warrant No. 5318. Jacob subsequently sold his interest in this plot of land. On 14 June 1855, Jacob's widow Elizabeth filed a declaration confirming the above information.^{23,24}

Jacob P. Leverich lived in a grey shingled farmhouse, near the southwest corner of what is now Junction Blvd and 37th Avenue. In 1852, this was the intersection of the Planck Road (road from Newtown to Flushing) and the road from Newtown to the Poor Bowery. On the corner adjoining the house on the east stood a shingled barn-like structure. Here Thomas Fish kept a store about 1800 to 1820. On 29 April 1817, Edward Leverich purchased land at Newtown from Thomas Fish. The deed was not recorded until 30 June 1853. This was likely the plot of land where Jacob P. Leverich lived. The house is owned by Jacob's brother Henry S. Leverich by 1860, at which time Jacob's widow Elizabeth is boarding with the Palmer sisters in Newtown village.^{25,26,27}



Jacob Palmer Leverich
1852 James Riker Jr. Map of Newtown
1860 & 1870 Sarah and Ann Palmer,
Elizabeth Leverich

Jacob P. Leverich died on 25 Aug 1852 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at age 61 years, 4 months. A place of burial has not been determined for Jacob, but it was likely the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²⁸

Letters of Administration were granted on the estate of Jacob P. Leverich on 8 April 1853 at the Queens County Surrogate. Widow Elizabeth Leverich, brother Henry S. Leverich, and sister-in-law Margaret D. Leverich were appointed administrators.^{29,30}

Elizabeth Leverich is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York living in a household headed by Sarah Palmer, teacher, age 50. Also included in the household are Anna Palmer age 52 and Leddey Coles, black servant, age 12. Elizabeth's age is incorrectly recorded as 46. She was actually age 55.³¹

Elizabeth Leverich, age 61, is listed in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York, living in a boarding house operated by Anna Palmer, age 72, and Sarah Palmer, age 62. The household was adjacent to the episcopal parsonage occupied by the Rev. Samuel Cox.³²

Elizabeth Moore Leverich died at the residence of her brother John J. Moore at Newtown 19 August 1876, age 71. A place of burial has not been determined for Elizabeth, but it was likely the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{33,34}

Letters of Administration were granted on the estate of Elizabeth Moore Leverich on 13 October 1876 at the Queens County Surrogate. Brother John J. Moore was appointed administrator.³⁵

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