Individual Narrative of Eliza⁷ Fish Leverich [139] Daughter of Edward⁶ Leverich [60] and Elizabeth Palmer Third Wife of Rev. John Goldsmith, D.D.

Eliza Fish Leverich was born on 6 Apr 1802 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, the daughter of Edward Leverich Sr and Elizabeth Palmer. Eliza Fish Leverich was baptized 30 July 1802 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. 2

Eliza married Rev John Goldsmith on 15 Oct 1835 at Newtown, Queens, New York. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. W. Phillips, D. D. Eliza was the third wife of Rev. Goldsmith.³



Rev. John Goldsmith 1784-1854 Newtown Presbyterian Church Website www.fpcn.org/history/pastors/41goldsmith Rev John Goldsmith was born 10 April 1794 in Aquebogue (now Jamesport), Suffolk Co, New York. He was the son of the Rev. Benjamin Goldsmith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Riverhead, Suffolk Co, New York. John graduated from Princeton College in 1815, and was installed pastor of the Newtown Presbyterian Church 17 November 1819. Rev. Goldsmith served as pastor there for 35 years until he passed away in 1854. Rev. Goldsmith received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Princeton in 1848. 4,5,6,7

Rev John Goldsmith married for the first time 28 March 1820 Eliza Wells (Ellen) Woodhull at Newtown. Ellen died 17 April 1821, her infant son John Woodhull Goldsmith died 11 October 1821.⁸

Rev. John Goldsmith married for the second time about 1824 Eliza Mills Furman, who died 28 August 1834. They had four children: Elizabeth P. (1825-1880, not married); Maria D. (1828-1873, not married); Louisa (died as an infant in 1832); and Adeline (1834-1893, not married). 9

John Goldsmith is listed as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (unidentified), 1 free white male age 40 to 49 (Rev. Goldsmith); 1 free white female age 5 to 9 (daughter of 2nd marriage Adeline); 2 free white females age 10 to 14 (daughters of 2nd marriage, Elizabeth and Maria); 12 free white female age 30 to 39, (3rd wife Eliza). 10

Rev. Goldsmith was president of the Long Island Bible Society from 1843 to 1853, as well as a leading member of the Presbytery of New York. 11

Rev. John Goldsmith is listed as head of household in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Also included in the household are wife Eliza, age 48; daughter Eliza, age 23; daughter Maria, age 21; daughter Adeline, age 17; and daughter of 3rd marriage Sarah D. Goldsmith, age 6.¹²

James Riker Jr. published the *Annals of Newtown* in 1852. The publication includes a "recommendation" from Rev. John Goldsmith, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Newtown: "We have had the pleasure of reading, in manuscript, the history of Newtown by James Riker Jr. The work evinces laborious research, and appears to be written with commendable candor and impartiality. 13"

Rev. John Goldsmith died at Newtown 6 April 1854, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. 14,15

Eliza F. Goldsmith is listed as the head of household, age 58, in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household also includes daughter Eliza, age 33; daughter Maria, age illegible; daughter Adeline, age 28. Daughter Sarah D. Goldsmith, who would have been age 16, is not found listed in the 1860 Census.¹⁶

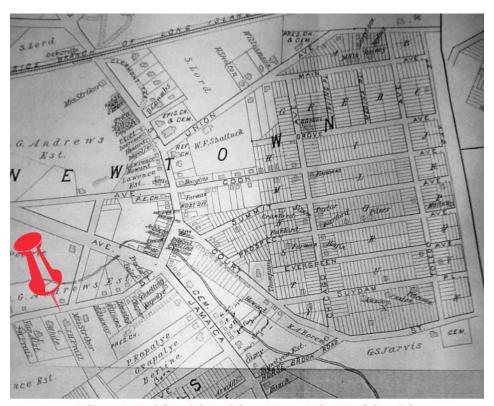
The Long Island Directory for the years 1864, 1865, and 1867 lists Eliza F. Goldsmith, living at Plank Road near Jamaica Road. 17,18,19

Rev John Goldsmith made a will dated 8 June 1853, which was proved at the Queens Co, New York Surrogate on 27 September 1866. The will names his wife Eliza F. Goldsmith, and his daughters Eliza Goldsmith, Maria Goldsmith, Adeline Goldsmith, and Sarah Devoe Goldsmith. Eliza F. Goldsmith and her brother Charles P. Leverich were named executors of the will. 20,21

The Long Island Directory for 1868 and 1871 lists Eliza F. Goldsmith, widow of John, living at Broadway near Jamaica Avenue. 22,23

Eliza Goldsmith, age 63, is listed as a head of household in the 1870 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. Also included in the household are daughters Eliza Goldsmith, age 38; Maria Goldsmith, age 35; Addie Goldsmith, age 30; and Sarah Goldsmith, age 25.²⁴

Eliza Goldsmith, age 78, is listed as a head of household in the 1880 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. Also included in the household are daughters Adeline Goldsmith, age 40; and Sarah D. Goldsmith, age 34.²⁵



Eliza F. Goldsmith, widow Rev. John Goldsmith 1871 City Directory and 1880 U.S. Census Broadway near Jamaica Avenue, Newtown <1891 Wolverton Atlas Queens Co, New York>

Eliza F. Leverich Goldsmith died on 1 Sep 1880 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at age 78, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church cemetery. Eliza F. Goldsmith made a will dated 28 February 1880, which was proved on 23 September 1880 in the Queens Co Surrogate Court. The will names her daughter Sarah D. Goldsmith and her step-daughter Adeline Goldsmith. The will was witnessed by Joseph A. Lawrence Sr and Joseph A. Lawrence Jr. Sarah D. Goldsmith and Samuel Riker were named executors. ²⁹

Eliza Fish Leverich and Rev. John Goldsmith had four children, one of whom survived to adulthood. 30,31

- i. Hannah Goldsmith was born 30 July 1837 and baptized 19 November 1837 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Hannah died as an infant at Newtown 21 June 1838, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. 32,33
- ii. John Goldsmith Jr was born 29 April 1839 and baptized 16 June 1839 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. John Jr died age 1 year at Newtown 30 April 1840, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. 34,35
- iii. Edward Goldsmith was born 28 June 1841 and baptized 12 September 1841 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Edward died as a child at Newtown 15 March 1843, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. September 1841 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.
- iv. Sarah Devoe Goldsmith was born 26 April 1844 at Newtown, and was baptized 23 June 1844 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Sarah married John H. Prall of Corona 13 October 1881 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Sarah died 21 August 1918 at Newtown, and was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. 38,39,40,41

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