

Individual Narrative of Peter⁷ Riker Leverich [129] Son of Jesse⁶ Leverich [57]

Peter Riker Leverich^{1,2,3} was born on 20 Nov 1797 at Newtown, Queens, New York, the son of Jesse Leverich and Gashe Berrian.⁴

Peter Riker Leverich was baptized 1 April 1798 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁵

The 1820 U.S. Census record for Jesse Leverich of Newtown, Queens Co, New York includes a census tally for 1 free white male age 16 to 25. This likely was Jesse's son Peter.⁶

Jesse Leverich made a will dated 11 September 1828 which was proved at the Queens Co Surrogate 23 October 1829. The will included two provisions specific to Peter Leverich, which were in addition to the provisions applied to his siblings.

- "Thirdly, I order and direct one bed and bedding for it to be given to my son Peter under the direction of my wife, and in case of her decease under the direction of my executors; and I also give to my son Peter all my wearing apparel and my chest."
- "Sixthly, I also order my executors to put at use one thousand dollars on mortgage, and the interest arising therefrom to be applied to the support of my son Peter under the direction of my executors during his life."⁷

These provisions suggest that Peter may have been disabled and in need of additional support. Peter was never married, and died as a young man. Peter may have suffered from "consumption", i.e. Tuberculosis. Marie Eugenie Davis, in her account of the Leverich family, observed that "several of the children of Jesse Leverich died of consumption. Too much intermarrying and the taint still follows in our blood."⁸

The 1830 U.S. Census record for Gashe Leverich of Newtown, Queens Co, New York includes a census tally for 2 free white males age 30 to 39. One of these likely was Gashe's son Peter.

Peter R. Leverich died on 7 Feb 1833 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at age 35. He was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{9,10}

Josephine Frost's cemetery transcriptions in *Long Island Cemeteries* incorrectly gives Peter's death year as 1855. This error is replicated in the more recent on-line data base "Find a Grave."^{11,12}

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