

Individual Narrative of Edward⁷ Leverich Jr [133] Son of Edward⁶ Leverich [60] and Mary⁶ Gorsline [91] Hamilton

Edward Leverich Jr¹ was born on 17 Nov 1780 at Newtown, Queens County, New York.^{2,3,4,5} Edward Leverich Jr. was the son of Edward Leverich Sr. and Mary Gorsline (subsequently the 2nd wife of John Hamilton). Edward and Mary were first cousins. Edward and Mary were never married to each other. Edward was age 17 and Mary was age 20 at the time Edward Leverich Jr. was born. Edward Leverich, Jr's grandfather, Joseph Gorsline Sr, made a will in 1813 in which he named as an heir "grandson Edward Leverich Jr and his mother Mary Hamilton". Edward Leverich Jr. is not named in the will of his father Edward Leverich Sr., which was prepared in 1835. It would appear clear however that Edward Leverich Sr. acknowledged his paternity by virtue of this son going by the name Edward Leverich Jr. There is no clear evidence as to who raised Edward Leverich Jr, but the fact that he is named in the will of his maternal grandfather suggests that he was likely raised in the household of that grandfather, i.e. Joseph Gorsline Sr.^{6,7}

Edward Leverich Sr. is recorded as a head of household in the 1790 U.S. Census at Newtown. The household includes one free white male under the age of 16, one free white male over the age of 16, and one free white female. These tallies suggest that Edward Leverich Sr and Elizabeth Palmer were married by the time of the 1790 census, and that Edward Leverich Jr may then have been living with his father. Edward Leverich Sr's first child with Elizabeth Palmer, Jacob Palmer Leverich, was not born until 1791.⁸

Edward Leverich (presumably Edward Jr) was baptized 4 November 1790 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. The delayed baptism is likely the result of the fact that the Newtown Presbyterian Church did not operate during the Revolutionary War period.⁹

As per a written receipt dated 12 April 1805, it was documented that Mr. Jacob Moore bought of Edward Leverich Jr. a pair of boots for John L. Moore 2 pounds, 8 shillings, and 0 pence.¹⁰

Mr Jacob Moore Bot of Edw Leverich Jr
December 22nd 1780 1 Pair of Boots for John L Moore 2 8-0
April 12th 1805 Recd the above infull
Joseph Moore
See it would be extremely obliging if you could send the above amount by the Bearer Joseph Moore and his Receipt shall be your Discharge yours with Respect Edw Leverich Jr
April 12th 1805

On 30 April 1805 Edward Leverich Jr., shoemaker of Newtown, Queens Co, New York, purchased 1 acre of land in consideration of \$200 from William Paynter Jr. The property was described as beginning near the southeast corner of the School House of Middletown; north 84 degrees east 3 chains and 64 links; south 15 degrees east 2 chains and 38 links; south 84 degrees west 4 chains 80 links; to the road from Newtown to Halletts Cove; bordered north by land of Abraham Rapelye; east and south by land of William Paynter; west to said road. The deed was witnessed by Benjamin Coe, and recorded on 10 May 1809.¹¹

Edward Leverich Jr. married Hannah Underhill on 10 Jan 1807 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{12,13}

Hannah Underhill was born at Newtown 17 November 1780, the same birth date as her husband. Hannah was the daughter of Jonathan Underhill and Hannah Hyatt.^{14,15,16} Hannah Underhill was baptized 25 January 1788 at the Grace Episcopal Church in Jamaica, Queens Co, New York by Rev. Gilbert Sayres.¹⁷

Edward Leverich Jr is listed as a head of household in the 1810 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 10 to 15 and age 16 to 25 (unidentified, probably apprentices or farm laborers); 1 free white male age 26-44 (Edward Jr); 1 free white female age under 10 (daughter Mary H. Leverich); 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Hannah).¹⁸

On 31 October 1817 Edward Leverich Jr purchased 24 acres of land in consideration of \$1300 from John Burroughs. The property was described as bounded by the road Brooklyn to Newtown northerly along said road; westerly by land late of John Bragaw and land of Thomas Way; south by land of Abraham Springstein and Jacob Lane; east by land of Jonathan Hazard and Benjamin Howard; back to said road. The deed was witnessed by Judge William Leverich, Court of Common Pleas, and Abraham Springstein and recorded 1 June 1818.¹⁹

Edward Leverich Jr is listed as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male under age 10 (son Daniel T); 1 free white male age 16 to 18, and age 16 to 25 (unidentified, probably apprentices or farm laborers); 1 free white male age 26-44 (Edward Jr); 1 free white female under the age of 10 (daughter Sarah Jane); 2 free white females age 10 to 15 (daughters Mary H and Hannah A.R.); 1 free white female age 26 to 44 (wife Hannah).²⁰

On 3 March 1827, John H. Bloomer, age 10 years and 24 days, was apprenticed to Edward Leverich Jr., farmer, of Newtown, Queens Co, New York.²¹ It is interesting to note that Edward is identified as a farmer, not a shoemaker.

Edward Leverich Jr is listed as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 10 to 14 (son Daniel T); 1 free white male age 50 to 59 (Edward Jr); 1 free white female age 10 to 14 (daughter Sarah J); 1 free white female age 15 to 19 (daughter Hannah A.R.); 1 free white female age 20 to 29 (daughter Mary H); 1 free white female age 50 to 59 (wife Hannah).²²

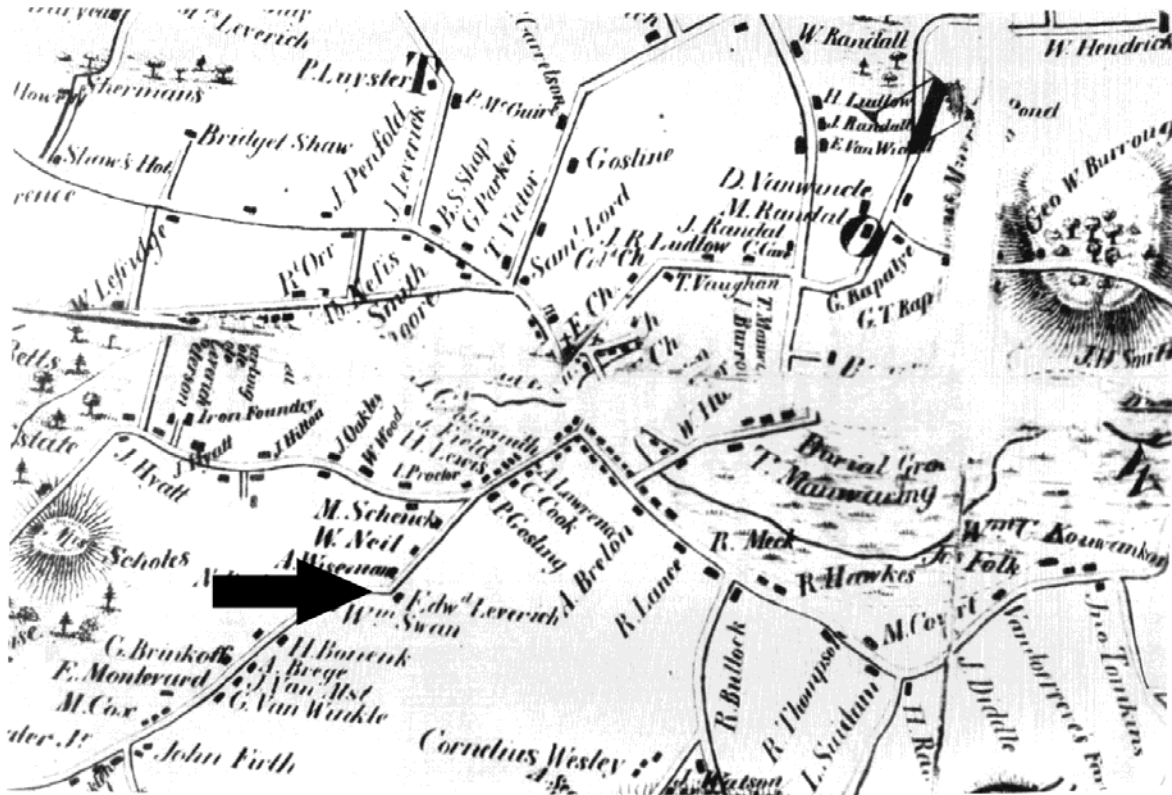
In October 1831 Catherine Penfold, born Bogert, widow of Richard Penfold (son of Mary Leverich and Richard Penfold) made a will, naming Edward Leverich Jr. as an Executor. On 9 February 1832 Edward published in the *Long Island Farmer* a notice of public auction for Catherine's house, land, and personal property. On 1 August 1832 Edward published a notice in the *Long Island Farmer*, requesting all persons with claims against the estate should present their accounts.^{23,24}

On 8 April 1834 Edward Leverich Jr purchased 5 acres of land in consideration of \$200 from Aaron Furman. The property was described as beginning at an angle made by land of George W. Hunt and Edward Leverich Jr; running north ? degrees west 680 links by land of Edward Leverich Jr; north 88 and $\frac{3}{4}$ degrees east 750 links by land of August Debevoise; south $3\frac{3}{4}$ degrees east 660 links by land of Aaron Furman; south $86\frac{3}{4}$ degrees west 740 links to land of George W. Hunt; according to survey made by Thomas H. Betts 5 April 1834. The deed was witnessed by Jacob Field, and recorded 23 May 1834.²⁵

Edward Leverich Jr is listed as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The census tallies include 1 free white male age 50 to 59 and 1 free white female age 50 to 59, which would correspond to Edward and his wife Hannah. Also included is 1 free white male age 10 to 14 and 1 free white male age 15 to 19, which were likely apprentices or farm laborers. All four of their children were then married and out of the household. By 1840, Edward had apparently switched to farming as his primary employment, the census indicating three persons employed in agriculture. It is likely, although not confirmed, that Edward continued the trade of shoemaking on a part time basis.²⁶

William Leverich who died 20 May 1831 was an uncle of Edward Leverich Jr., had no children, and left his estate to the children of his brothers and sisters, a listing of which is included in the final settlement of the estate dated 20 February 1841. This listing did not include Edward Leverich Jr.²⁷

Sidney's Map of 12 Miles Around New York, issued in 1849 annotates the farm of Edward Leverich Jr., located on the road which ran from the city of Williamsburg to the village of Newtown.²⁸



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Sidney's Map of 12 Miles Around New York, issued in 1849, damaged across the fold in the center. This is the oldest detailed map of old Newtown Village and vicinity showing houses and property owners.

"Edwin Leverich", farmer, age 70, is listed in the 1850 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York, accompanied by his wife Hannah, also age 70. Edwin's estate is valued at \$5,000. Included in the household among four male laborers and one female servant was John Broomer, then age 34, who may have been the John Bloomer who became an apprentice to Edwin in 1827 at the age of 10 years.²⁹

Edward Leverich Jr. is not annotated on James Riker Jr.'s 1852 map of Newtown. However, several household's are listed in the 1850 Census near Edward, in the same vicinity that Edward is found in Sidney's 1849 map, i.e. dwelling/household number 426-532 Edward Leverich; 429-535 Andrew Bragaw (son-in-law of Edward); 430-536 George B. Brinckerhoff; 435-539 Garrett Van Wickle.^{30,31,32}

Hannah Underhill Leverich, wife of Edward Leverich Jr, died at Newtown on 26 October 1855. Hannah was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{33,34,35}

"Edwd" Leverich, age 80, farmer is listed in the 1860 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The value of his real estate was \$7,000 and the value of his personal estate was \$2,000. The household again includes John H. Bloomer, then age 43, and apparently two of his children Sarah age 4 and Ann E. age 1. A wife and mother is not apparently listed. The household also included John J. Beatty age 14 and Margaret Beatty age 9; and Joseph Johnson age 50. John is identified as a "farmer" whereas Joseph is identified as a "laborer."³⁶

"Deacon" Edward Leverich died on 4 Jan 1861 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York, at age 80. Edward was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{37,38}

Edward Leverich prepared a will dated 29 May 1855, which was proved at the Queens County, New York Surrogate on 22 January 1861. The following heirs were identified: Wife Hannah (alive when will was made in 1855, but deceased prior to Edward in 1861); daughter Mary H. Bragaw, wife of Andrew Bragaw of Newtown; Hannah A.R. Hyatt, wife of George M. Hyatt of Newtown; son Daniel T. Leverich of Brooklyn. Also listed were two grandchildren, children of deceased daughter Sarah Jane Sprague, late wife of Richard W. Sprague: Sarah L. Sprague and Samuel Sprague (minor). The will also provided that "I also give and bequeath to John H. Bloomer the bed on which he now sleeps at my house together with the bedstead, bolster, two pillows, two pair of sheets and three quilts."³⁹

Edward Leverich Jr and Hannah Underhill had four children.^{40,41,42,43}

- i. Mary Hamilton Leverich was born 26 February 1809 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Mary married Andrew Bragaw 29 March 1832 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Mary died at Newtown 12 June 1884 and was buried at the Dutch Reformed Church in Newtown.^{44,45,46,47,48,49,50}
- ii. Hannah Ann Rebecca Leverich was born 3 May 1811 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. Hannah was married to George M. Hyatt 20 March 1838 at Newtown by the Rev. Mr. Van Gilder. Hannah died at Newtown 28 April 1865.^{51,52,53,54,55}
- iii. Daniel Townsend Leverich was born 4 October 1813 at Newtown. Daniel married Mary E. L. Brayman 14 April 1840 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Daniel died at Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York 23 June 1901, and was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.^{56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63}
- iv. Sarah Jane Leverich was born 16 March 1815 at Newtown. Sarah married Richard W. Sprague c 1838 probably at Newtown. The marriage date is an estimate based upon the birth date of their first child. Sarah died at Newtown 21 September 1849, and was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.^{64,65,66,67,68,69}

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