

Individual Narrative of William⁶ Leverich [59]

William Leverich^{1,2,3} was born on 29 Jan 1760 at Newtown, Queens, New York, the son of William Leverich and Dorothy Morse. The birth date is a calculated date based upon his age at the time of death.^{4,5}

William Leverich married Cornelia Duryee, daughter of Jacob Duryee and Cornelia Schenck, on 3 Jun 1787 at Newtown, Queens, New York. The marriage date is recorded by James Riker in his manuscript papers, but is not cited in his *Annals of Newtown*. Marriage records for the year 1787 are missing for both the Presbyterian Church at Newtown and at Jamaica. Perhaps the marriage date came from a family bible that Riker had access to.^{6,7,8}

Cornelia Duryee was born at Newtown 3 December 1770. The birth date is a calculated date based upon her age at the time of death.⁹



William Leverich

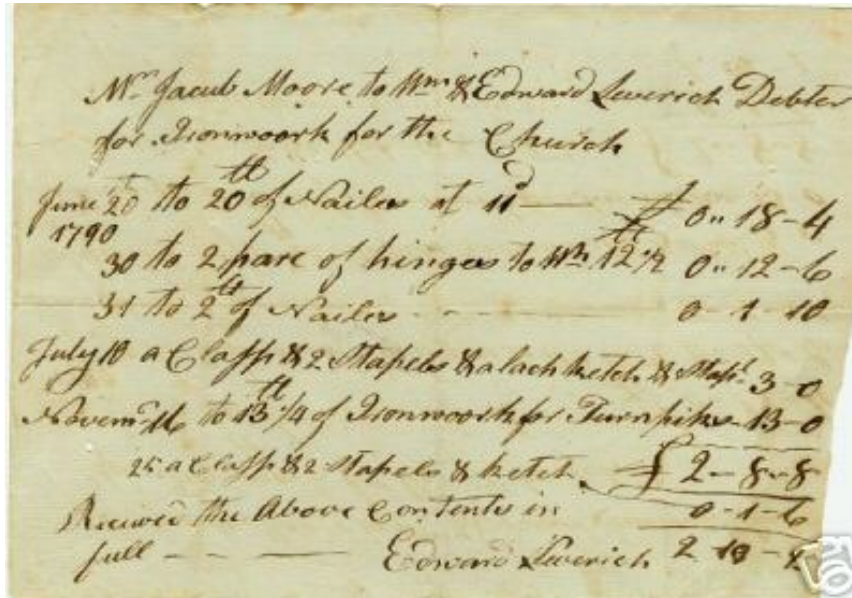


Cornelia Duryee Leverich

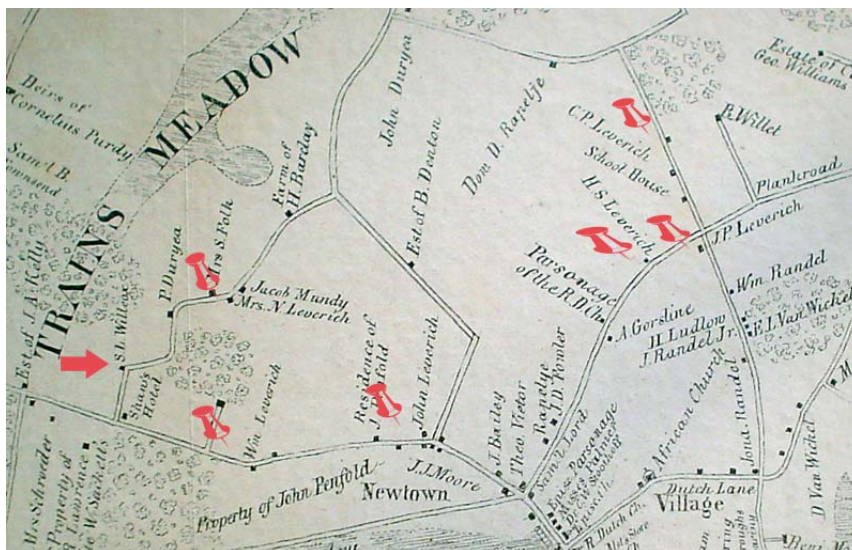
The 1786 Tax List for Newtown records three (3) William Leverich's: one listed by himself, one listed with Sackett Leverich, and one listed with Edward Leverich. The William listed separately was likely William Leverich, died 1787, the husband of Dorothy Morse, and the father of our subject William Leverich. Our subject was likely the William listed with Edward Leverich, since they were brothers. The William listed with Sackett Leverich was likely the son of Elnathan Leverich, brother of William husband of Dorothy Morse.¹⁰ A subscribers list in support of Rev. Peter Fish, dated 1 May 1786, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church includes 2 William Leverich's, as well as Sackett, Richard, Samuel, Edward, and Jesse Leverich.¹¹

There is one William Leverich household recorded in the 1790 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household included two white males over the age of 16, 3 white females, and 5 slaves. This household was likely that of William Leverich and Cornelia Duryee. William's father, William Leverich, had died in 1787. William Leverich, son of Elnathan Leverich, was only 22 years old in 1790, and William Leverich, son of Jesse Leverich, was only 7 years old in 1790. Since William and Cornelia were childless, the other 1790 household members were perhaps other Duryee or Leverich relatives.¹²

A subscribers list in support of Rev. Mr. Woodhull, dated 1 May 1790, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church includes a William Leverich, as well as Sackett, Richard, Samuel, Edward, and Jesse Leverich.¹³ A handwritten receipt document covering the period June 20 to November 16, 1790 records the provision of ironwork supplies by Jacob Moore to William and Edward Leverich on behalf of the Newtown Presbyterian Church. An image of this document was downloaded from an on-line ebay auction on 25 November 2012.¹⁴



James Riker, in the *Annals of Newtown*, speaking of William Leverich who married Dorothy Morse, states that "he occupied the place on the south side of Trains Meadow, afterwards the residence of his son William, and now owned by Mr. Wilcox.¹⁵ Riker in his manuscript papers, discussing Capt Ephraim Morse "who commanded a company from Newtown in the old French war", recalls the following. "It will be remembered that he was a brother-in-law of William Leverich who lived in Trains Meadow. On visiting the old Leverich house on Saturday February 21, 1852, now owned by Samuel L. Willcox, Mr. W. called my attention to an inscription cut out with a knife in the clapboard at the side of the front door. It was this: " E.M. 1789."^{16,17}



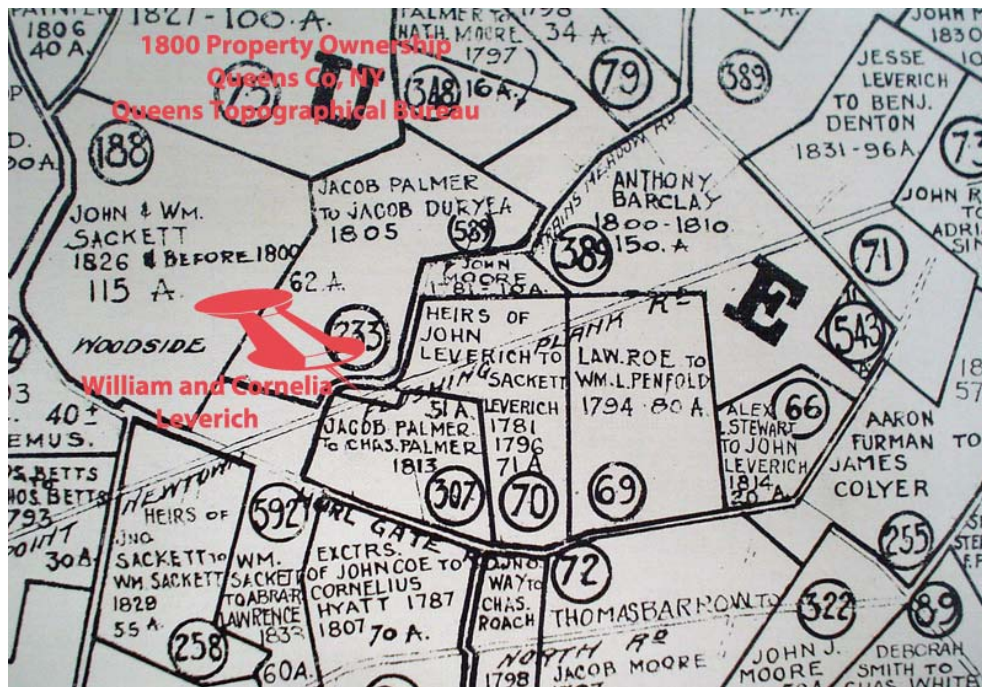
S. L. Willcox, formerly the residence of William Leverich and Dorothy Morse, then their son William Leverich and Cornelia Duryea

On 17 September 1791, the following notice appeared in the *New York Journal and Patriotic Register*. "Five Dollars Reward. Ran-away from the subscriber, residing in Newtown, on Long Island, on the 12 instant, a negro boy named MINGO about 15 years of age, and had on when he went away, a short tow linen coat and trowsers and a shirt of the same; and also, a common wool hat, bound round with black worsted binding. Said boy is not very large for his age, and somewhat pitted with the small pox. Any person securing said negro, so that his master may get him again, shall be entitled to the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid by WILLIAM LEVERICH. N.B. Masters of vessels, and others, are forewarned harbouring or carrying of said negro at their peril. September 15, 1791."¹⁸

Jacob Duryee of Bushwick, Kings Co, New York made a will dated 11 August 1796. The will mentions his daughter Cornelia, and names son-in-law William Leverich as one of the executors of the will. The will was proved 27 September 1796.¹⁹ On 17 June 1798, William Leverich was a witness to the will of William Sackett of Newtown.²⁰

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. William Leverich is recorded on the tax assessment roles at Newtown, Queens Co, New York for the period 1799-1803. The property was valued at \$2,250.00 during this period of time.²¹

There is one William Leverich household recorded in the 1800 Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household included 1 free white male age 16-25, 1 free white male age 26-44, 1 free white female age 26-44, 1 free white female age 45 and over, and 7 slaves. Other than William and Cornelia, the identity of the other household members is not known.²²



At a Newtown Town meeting on 7 April 1801, William Leverich and Nathaniel Moore, Jr were appointed Overseers of the Poor and Trustees. They apparently served until 5 April 1808.^{23,24} On 5 April 1802, James Hedenberg granted land at Newtown to his brother-in-law William Leverich "Senior". The deed was recorded 20 April 1802.²⁵ On 5 April 1803, the trustees of the town, Nathaniel Moore and William Leverich, were authorized to buy materials for a new town-house in Newtown, and under their direction the building was finished, during the summer of 1805.^{26,27} On 5 March 1804, William Leverich was a witness to the will of Anthony Barclay of Newtown.²⁸

The 1810 U.S. Census records three heads of household named William Leverich living in Newtown. An analysis of the census tallies enables the following identifications.

- William Leverich (Sr) (1760-1831, son of William) and wife Cornelia, page 284
- William Leverich (Jr)(c1770-1835, son of Elnathan) and wife Alletta, page 275
- William Leverich (III)(1783-1854, son of Jesse) and wife Anna, page 282.²⁹

The household of William and Cornelia Leverich included 1 free white male under age 10, 1 free white male age 45 and over, 1 free white female age 10-15, 1 free white female age 26-44, 1 free white female age 45 and over, 1 other free person, and 4 slaves. Other than William and Cornelia, the other household members are unknown but were likely Duryee or Leverich relatives.³⁰ It is possible that this included Cornelia's sister Magdalen Duryee, whose husband John Brower had died in 1804, and their children Cornelia born 1799, Catherine Ann born 1802, and John born 1804.³¹

William Leverich was an executor of the will dated 3 March 1810 of Nathan Woodhull of Newtown.³² A school house was established in the Hallett's cove section of Newtown in 1721. James Riker, in the *Annals of Newtown*, reports "This house having been sold some years since, now forms the kitchen of the dwelling house lately occupied by the widow Tilton. An incident connected with it, which occurred about forty years ago (c 1810), created quite the stir at the time. This was the discovery by one of the school-boys of a bag of gold to the value of \$840 which had belonged to one John Kearns, who had taught school here during the Revolution. The money was taken possession of by the teacher, whose name was Neal, but the neighbors hearing of it, collected, and took him before William Leverich, Esquire (meaning at the time a justice of the peace), by whose order the money was forced from him. Owing, however, to some irregularity in the proceeding, Neal prosecuted the several persons engaged in searching him, including the justice, and recovered damages for assault and battery; while N. Moore, as administrator of Kearns, sued and obtained the money."³³

James Leverich, who died 24 January 1811, was a younger brother of William Leverich. James made a will dated 11 January 1811, proved 30 January 1811, which named as executors of his will his brother William Leverich, James Lent, and Thomas Betts.³⁴ Hannah Mott Leverich, the wife of James Leverich, died 24 November 1810, just two months before James died. At the time James passed on, he left orphaned three minor children, Cornelia age 14, Sackett age 12, and James age 5. There is no direct evidence regarding who took custody of these children, but it is possible that they were taken in by their Uncle William Leverich and his wife Cornelia Duryee, who did not have children of their own. The fact that both Cornelia and Sackett subsequently married members of the Duryee family lends circumstantial support to this theory.^{35,36,37}

On 1 May 1811, William Leverich as one of the executors of the estate of James Leverich, sold land to Edward Moore. The deed was recorded 29 May 1829.³⁸ On 1 May 1811, William Leverich as one of the executors of the estate of James Leverich, sold land to Samuel Leverich and Sarah his wife.³⁹ On 13 May 1811 William Leverich purchased land from Isaac Housman. The deed was recorded 10 July 1816.⁴⁰

William Leverich served as an Elder of the Newtown Presbyterian Church from 1812 until his death in 1831.⁴¹ William Leverich Esquire, John Sackett, and Thomas Cumberson were appointed Commissioners of Highways at Newtown from 6 April 1813 to 2 April 1816.⁴² William Leverich was an executor of the will dated 3 June 1813 of Thomas Hyatt of Newtown.⁴³

On 1 April 1815 William and Cornelia Leverich sold land at Newtown to Jacob Duryee. Jacob was probably Cornelia's brother. The deed was recorded 7 March 1851.⁴⁴

A meeting of some of the inhabitants of Long Island, of different religious denominations, was held August 1, 1815 pursuant to public notice, at the Court House, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society ... Jesse Leverich was named to a committee to report a constitution. Jesse Leverich, William Leverich, Edward Leverich and others were appointed to a committee to solicit subscriptions.⁴⁵ According to an article in the *National Advocate* on 3 October 1815, a constitution for the Long Island Bible Society was adopted at a meeting on 20 September 1815. William Leverich was named a Director.⁴⁶ William and Cornelia Leverich subsequently were named life time members of the Long Island Bible Society.⁴⁷

On 1 May 1816 William Leverich, et al, executors of the estate of James Leverich, sold land at Newtown to Adrian Sideren. This deed was recorded on 2 June 1817. The same parties sold land at Newtown on 1 May 1816 to Richard Way. This deed was not recorded until 26 July 1867.⁴⁸

At a Newtown Town Meeting on 1 April 1817, William Leverich manumitted "Thomas" aged 28, and "Dinah", colored slave, age 25. This was most likely William Leverich, spouse of Cornelia Duryee. According to 1810 Census records, this William was the only one of the three living at Newtown at the time, that owned slaves.^{49,50,51} In 1799, New York passed a Gradual Emancipation act that freed slave children born after July 4, 1799, but indentured them until they were young adults. In 1817 a new law passed that would free slaves born before 1799 but not until 1827.⁵²

On 20 April 1817, William and Cornelia Leverich sold land at Newtown to Jeremiah Vanderbilt. This deed was recorded on 4 August 1837.⁵³ On 3 May 1817 Edward Leverich sold land at Newtown to William Leverich and James Lent, trustees. This deed was recorded on 13 November 1817.⁵⁴

On 1 May 1818 Abraham Springsteen sold land at Newtown to William Leverich. It is not certain which of the three William Leverich's living at Newtown at the time was involved in this transaction. This deed was recorded 24 September 1833.⁵⁵

The 1820 U.S. Census records three heads of household named William Leverich living in Newtown. An analysis of the census tallies enables the following identifications.

- William Leverich (Sr) (1760-1831, son of William) and wife Cornelia, page 49A
- William Leverich (Jr)(c1770-1835, son of Elnathan) and wife Alletta, page 49A
- William Leverich (III)(1783-1854, son of Jesse) and wife Anna, page 47A.⁵⁶

The household of William and Cornelia Leverich included 1 free white male under 10, 1 free white male age 45 and over, 1 free white female under age 10, 1 free white female age 10-15, 1 free white female 16-25, 1 free white female age 26-44, 2 free colored persons, 1 female slave over the age of 45. Other than William and Cornelia, the other household members are unknown but were likely Duryee or Leverich relatives.⁵⁷

On 1 May 1820 an indenture was executed between Richard B. Leverich of Newtown and Alletta, his wife, and William Leverich, Esquire, assignment of a farm by parties of the first part, at Hallett's Cove for payment of money.⁵⁸ On 5 May 1821 William Leverich granted land at Newtown to Benjamin Howard. It is not clear which of the three William Leverich's living at Newtown at this time was the party to this transaction. This deed was recorded 10 May 1828.⁵⁹ On 20 August 1822 William Leverich and James Lent, executors of the will of James Leverich, granted land at Newtown to Joseph W. Duryee. This deed was recorded on 28 January 1835.⁶⁰

On 2 May 1823 William Leverich granted land at Newtown to Cornelius Innis; the next day Cornelius granted land to William. Both deeds were recorded on 19 April 1835.⁶¹ William Leverich was an executor of the will dated 23 June 1824 of Thomas Lawrence of Newtown.⁶² On 18 February 1825 William Leverich was a witness to the will of John Moore of Newtown.⁶³

"Judge" William Leverich was an executor to the will dated 28 March 1826 of Susan Osgood of Newtown.⁶⁴ On 13 February 1827 William Leverich granted land at Newtown to James Leverich. James Leverich may have been a nephew of William, the son of William's brother James Leverich. This deed was recorded on 24 May 1836.⁶⁵ On 26 March 1827 William Leverich purchased land from Jacob B. Sackett et al. It is not clear which of the three William Leverich's living at Newtown at this time was the party to this transaction. This may have been William Leverich III (1783-1854) whose wife Anna Lawrence Sackett had a brother Jacob Sackett. This deed was recorded 4 May 1837.⁶⁶ On 1 May 1827, William Leverich et al, executors of the estate of James Leverich, sold land at Newtown to Richard Lawrence. This deed was recorded on 24 October 1827.⁶⁷

James Riker in the *Annals of Newtown* records that William Leverich was a Justice of the Peace at Newtown, but does not include a time period. Indirect evidence suggests that William was a Justice of the Peace as early as 1810 and as late as 1826.⁶⁸ Three William Leverich's appear on an 1828 Assessment List for Newtown.⁶⁹ On 11 September 1828 William Leverich was a witness to the will of his brother Jesse Leverich.⁷⁰

William Leverich died on 20 May 1831 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the age of 71 years, 3 months, and 20 days.^{71,72,73} He was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church grave yard.⁷⁴

The following notice was published in the *Long Island Farmer* on 21 July 1831. "The people of the State of New York, by the Grace of God Free and Independent, to all whom these presents shall come, or may concern, and especially to James Leverich and Abraham Divine Hedenberg, of Augusta, state of Georgia, and John Charles Hedenberg, Edward Leverich Hedenberg, and Thomas Cowgill and Elizabeth his wife, of Newark, State of New Jersey, next of kin to William Leverich, late of the town of Newtown in the county of Queens and the State of New York, deceased ...

Greetings. You are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear before our Surrogate of our county of Queens ... on Monday the fifteenth day of August next ... to attend to the probate of a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be

the last Will and Testament of the said William Leverich, deceased, which will then and there be offered for that purpose."⁷⁵

William Leverich made a will dated February 1824. The will was proved in Queens County, New York Surrogate Court on 15 August 1831. In his will William made bequests to Princeton Theological Seminary, Newtown Presbyterian Church, and the United Foreign Missionary Society in New York. The bulk of his estate was left to his widow Cornelia as long as she lived and remained his widow. Since William and Cornelia did not have any children, William determined that after the death of his widow, his estate should be divided equally among the surviving children of his brothers and sisters, excepting John, James, and William McDonough sons of his sister Hannah, and Sarah the daughter of his sister Abigail: "to these I cannot consistent with Justice and propriety leave any part of my estate". William named as executors of his estate James Lent, Adrian Van Sinderen, and his nephew John Brower. The will was witnessed by William G. Rapelye, Jacob B. Sackett, and William Howard.⁷⁶

The following notice was published in the *New York Morning Courier & New York Enquirer* on 20 March 1832. "Executor's Sale. Will be sold at public auction on the premises, on Saturday, the 31st inst. at 2 o'clock, P.M., the Farm, Dwelling house, outhouses, etc belonging to the estate of the late William Leverich, deceased, situated in Newtown, on the turnpike road leading from Brooklyn to Flushing, about 7 miles from New York, and 3 from Flushing. Said Farm contains about 15 acres of land, more or less, in a high state of cultivation. On the premises are a good two story house, barn, hovel, carriage house, granary, etc all in good order. Also a tract of wood land, belonging to said estate, containing 7 acres, which will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Also a piece of turf meadow, containing three quarters of an acre, situated at Train's meadow. The sale will be peremptory, and the usual executor's deed given.

Also, on the Thursday following, viz the 5th of April, at 10 o'clock A.M. on the premises aforesaid, all the stock and farming utensils on said farm, consisting of horses, cows, hogs, one carriage, wagon, etc, etc. Also the household and kitchen furniture, beds, bedding, etc. belonging to the widow of the deceased. ADRIAN VAN SINDEREN, JAMES LENT, JOHN I. BROWER, Executors, March 16, 1832."⁷⁷



AMERICAN THREE PIECE COIN SILVER TEASET

Late 18th century, by John Burger, New York. Comprising oval teapot, urn form covered sugar urn, and creamer, each with bright cut shield cartouche enclosing initials WCL. Teapot height: 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, urn height: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and creamer height: 8 $\frac{1}{6}$ inches.

On 1 April 1833 the Executors of the Estate of William Leverich sold land at Newtown to James H. Kolyer, and on 15 April 1833 to Adrian Van Sinderen. These deeds were recorded on 30 April 1833 and 11 May 1833 respectively.⁷⁸

Cornelia Duryee Leverich died 29 January 1840 at New York City Hospital. The following death notice appeared in the *New York Spectator*. "On Tuesday, 29 inst., Mrs. Cornelia Leverich, consort of the late William Leverich, of Newtown, Long Island, aged 69 years. Her relatives and friends, and also those of Mr. Noah Wetmore, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral tomorrow morning at 9 1/2 o'clock from the New York City Hospital. The remains will be taken to Newtown for interment." Noah Wetmore was Cornelia's brother-in-law, the second husband of her sister Magdalen.^{79,80} Cornelia was buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church grave yard. Her grave marker indicates that she died at the age of 69 years, 1 month, and 25 days.⁸¹



1800 Wooden Chest that belonged to Cornelia Duryee Leverich

On 18 June 1840, letters of administration on the estate of Cornelia Duryee Leverich were granted in New York County Surrogate Court to James Hedenberg and Joseph W. Duryee. James Hedenberg was brother-in-law to Cornelia's late husband William Leverich, the husband of his sister Elizabeth. Joseph Woodward Duryee was a nephew of Cornelia, the son of her brother Abraham Duryee, and the husband of Cornelia Leverich, daughter of James Leverich, a brother of William Leverich.^{82,83}

A Final Settlement of the Estate of William Leverich was confirmed in Queens Co, New York Surrogate on 20 February 1841. William's will, proved 15 August 1831, stipulated that after his widow Cornelia's decease, the estate was to be evenly divided among surviving children of William's brothers and sisters, except for John, James, and William McDonough, sons of William's sister Hannah, and Sarah, daughter of William's sister Abigail. The value of the estate in 1841 was \$13,493.41 (about \$366,000 in 2012 dollars) and was distributed in 33 shares to the following heirs at law.

✓ (Children of Abigail Leverich, sister of William Leverich, wife of Alexander Whaley)

Elizabeth Whaley, wife of Thomas Cowgill

Alexander Whaley Junior, no share, died intestate March 1840, left no estate

✓ (Children of Hannah Leverich McDonough, sister of William Leverich, wife of James McDonough)

Dorothy L. McDonough, wife of David Van Wickel

Patience McDonough, wife of Jonas Beekman

✓ (Children of Jesse Leverich, brother of William Leverich)

William Leverich III

John Leverich

Jesse Leverich, Jr (share assigned to brother William Leverich III)

Patience Leverich and husband Peter Bonnett

Gertrude Leverich and husband Andrew Gorsline

Sarah Leverich and husband Samuel Leverich

Mary Bonnett Leverich and husband John Moffet

✓ (Children of Edward Leverich, brother of William Leverich)

Jacob P. Leverich
William E. Leverich, New Orleans, LA
James H. Leverich, New Orleans, LA
Henry S. Leverich
Charles P. Leverich,
James P. Leverich,
Eliza F. Leverich, wife of John Goldsmith
Anna L. Leverich, minor, Guardian Andrew Gorsline
Sarah Leverich, minor, Guardian Andrew Gorsline

✓ (Children of Hannah Leverich Hedenberg, sister of William Leverich, wife of James Hedenberg), Newark, New Jersey

Edward L. Hedenberg, Newark NJ
John C. Hedenberg, Newark NJ
David J. Hedenberg
Richard L. Hedenberg, Ithaca, Thompkins Co, NY (his share in estate claimed by his father James Hedenberg)
James L. Hedenberg, Houston, Texas
Abraham D. Hedenberg, Houston, Texas

✓ (Children of James Leverich, deceased brother of William Leverich)

Cornelia Leverich, wife of Joseph W. Duryee, Newark, NJ
James Leverich (share in estate assigned to Joseph W. Duryee), Newark, NJ

✓ (Children of Sarah Leverich, sister of William Leverich, wife of Frederick Devoe)

John Devoe
William L. Devoe, Philadelphia, PA

✓ (Children of Deborah Leverich Riker, sister of William Leverich, wife of Daniel Riker)

James Riker
Patience Riker
Hannah Eliza Riker, wife of George Eldert.^{84,85}

William Leverich Brower (1846-1940) was a great nephew of Cornelia Leverich Duryee, wife of William Leverich. He was the grandson of Cornelia's sister Magdalen whose first marriage was to John Brower. William Leverich Brower, who never married, was an official of the wholesale drug firm of Schieffelin & Co. He was also an elder in the Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church for 67 years, and a Sunday school superintendent for over 50 years. He was the author of *History of the Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church 1628-1928*, and of monographs and pamphlets on historical and religious subjects.^{86,87}

A copy of the Brower Family Genealogy, as well as the digital images of the William and Cornelia Leverich portraits, and the digital images of the tea set and wooden chest, were provided in 2003 by correspondent Thomas Mann of Massachusetts.⁸⁸

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