

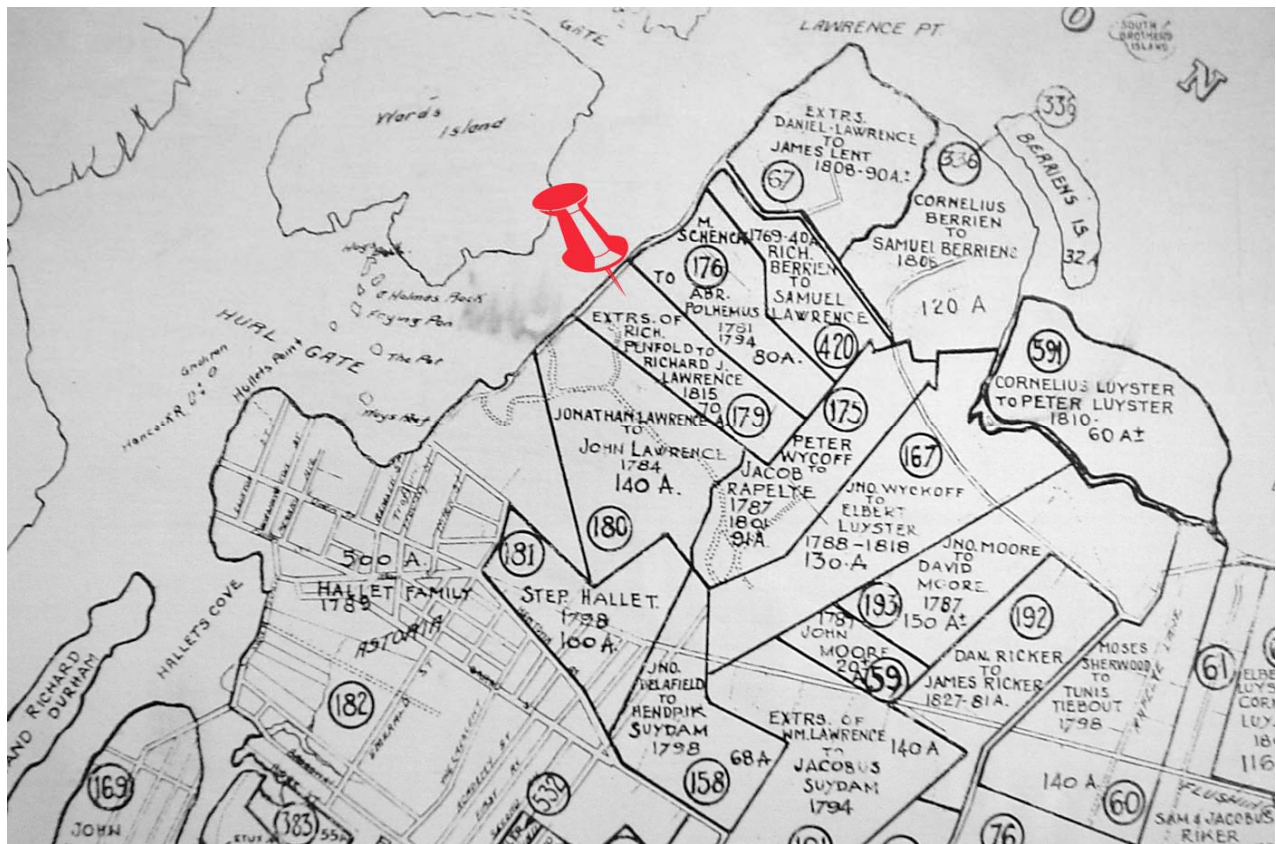
Individual Narrative of William⁶ Leverich Penfold [83] Son of Richard Penfold and Mary⁵ Leverich [24]

William Leverich Penfold¹ was born on 26 Dec 1747 at Newtown, Queens, New York, the son of Richard Penfold and Mary Leverich.^{2,3,4} William Leverich, son of Richard Penfold, was baptized 15 June 1755 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church. Also baptized the same day were William's siblings Elizabeth, Mary, Edmund and John.⁵

William L. Penfold married Catherine Fish, daughter of John Fish and Elizabeth Brinckerhoff, on 10 Mar 1785 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.⁶ Catherine Fish was born at Newtown 29 April 1756. The birth date is a calculated date based upon Catherine's age at the time of her death.⁷

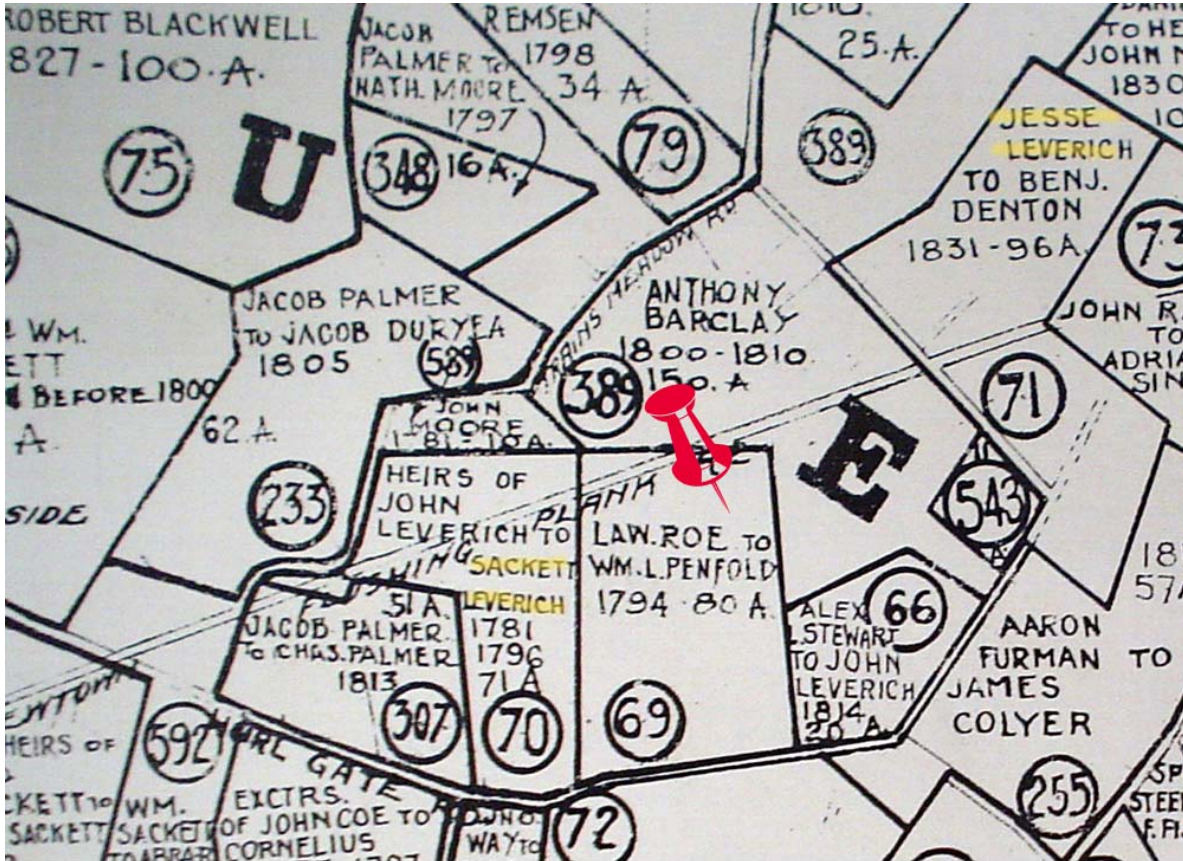
A subscribers list dated 1 May 1786 for the Rev. Peter Fish of the Newtown Presbyterian Church included Mary Penfold and William Penfold.⁸ A subscribers list dated 1 May 1790 for the Rev. Mr. Woodhull included Mary Penfold, William L. Penfold and Edmund Penfold.⁹

William L. Penfold is listed in the 1790 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens County, New York. The Census tallies record two free white males under the age of 16 (sons John and Samuel), 1 free white male over the age of 16 (William L), 1 free white female over the age of 16 (wife Catherine), and 1 slave. William is listed adjacent to widow Mary Penfold, his mother, presumably living with her on the family farm. William and his mother are recorded on the census page between brothers-in-law John Lawrence and Cornelius Berrien.¹⁰



John Fish, Miller of Newtown, made a will dated 1 March 1792, and proved at the Queens County Surrogate on 17 August 1793. Among other family members, John names his daughter Catherine, wife of William Penfold.¹¹

In 1794, William L. Penfold purchased an 80 acre farm at Newtown from Lawrence Roe. The farm was bordered on the west by the Leverich Family homestead, farm, and burial ground, then occupied by brothers Sackett and Richard Leverich.¹²



**William Leverich Penfold
1800 Ownership Map Queens County, New York**

William Penfold is listed in the 1800 U.S. Census at Newtown, Queens County, New York. The Census tallies record 3 free white males under the age of 10 (sons Samuel, Edmund, and William), 1 free white male age 10 to 15 (son John), 1 free white male over the age of 45 (William), 1 free white female age 26 to 45 (wife Catherine), and 3 slaves.¹³

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. William Penfold is recorded on the tax assessment list for the years 1799 to 1803 at Newtown. The average assessment was \$2,200 real estate and \$400 personal estate.¹⁴

On 4 June 1806, a committee whose members included Abraham L. Clarke, William Penfold, and Jacob Moore, advertised in the *New York Spectator*: "Wanted -- At Newtown, Long-Island, a Gentleman, qualified to teach a GRAMMAR SCHOOL -- one who could also teach the Languages would be preferred. Enquire of any of the subscribers."¹⁵

William Penfold is listed in the 1810 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The Census tallies record 2 free white males age 16-25 (presumably 2 of 4 sons, all born between 1785 and 1795), 1 free white male over the age of 45 (William). There are also tallies for 1 free white female age 10 to 15, age 16 to 25, and age 26-44, all of which are

unidentified. There is no tally recorded for William's wife Catherine who would have been age 54. The household also included 5 slaves and 2 other free persons, unidentified.¹⁶

William L. Penfold is listed in the 1820 Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. The Census tallies record 1 free white male age 26-44 (presumably 1 of four sons, the remaining 3 sons are not found as heads of household, but were likely working out as part of other households, since none of the four were married in 1820); 1 free white male over the age of 45 (William L); 1 free white female over the age of 45 (wife Catherine); and 3 slaves.¹⁷

On 21 August 1823, William L. Penfold published the following notice in the New York *National Advocate*: "SIX CENTS REWARD". RANAWAY from subscriber on Saturday 9th inst. a negro man named DICK, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high; had on when he went away, a long blue coat with gilt buttons, and black pantaloons. He took with him also a common working suite. He is supposed to be in the city seeking employment. The public are cautioned not to harbour or employ the said runaway under penalty of the law; the above reward, but no charges will be paid on delivering him to the subscriber at Newtown, Long Island.¹⁸"

William L. Penfold died on 22 Aug 1828 at Newtown, Queens, New York, age 80 years, 7 months, and 27 days.^{19,20,21,22} Seven days later, on 29 August 1828, William's widow Catherine Fish Penfold died also at Newtown, age 72 years and four months.^{23,24,25} Both William L. Penfold and his wife Catherine were buried at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²⁶ No record of an estate has been found for William or Catherine at the Queens County, New York Surrogate.²⁷

William Leverich Penfold and Catherine Fish had six children, four of whom survived to adult. Two of these never married.^{28,29}

- i. John Penfold was born at Newtown 16 January 1786. John was married on 26 May 1828 to Phoebe Ann Willis. John appears in the 1850 U.S. Census at Newtown. John Penfold died 12 December 1864 at Newtown.^{30,31,32,33,34,35}
- ii. Samuel Penfold was born at Newtown c 1789. Samuel never married. Samuel is living in the household of his brother John in the 1850 U.S. Census at Newtown. Samuel died at Newtown 13 March 1859.^{36,37,38,39}
- iii. Richard Penfold was born at Newtown c 1791, and was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 5 June 1791. Richard died at Newtown as a child in September 1795.⁴⁰
- iv. Edmund Penfold was born at Newtown 10 January 1793 and baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 9 June 1793. Edmund never married. Edmund is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census in the household of Thomas H. Faile at Manhattan Ward 15, New York County, New York. Edmund died at Newtown 8 August 1869.^{41,42,43,44,45}
- v. William Penfold was born at Newtown 5 February 1795, and baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church 12 March 1795. William was married to Joan Faile on 10 March 1830 at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City. William is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census in Ward 7, Manhattan, New York Co, New York; he is recorded in the 1860 Census in Ward 21 Manhattan. William Penfold died 7 May 1872 and was buried at St. Paul's Church Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Westchester Co, New York.^{46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53}
- vi. The records of the Newtown Presbyterian Church record the death of an infant of William Penfold on 13 October 1800.⁵⁴

Samuel Fish, farmer of Newtown, made a will dated 7 November 1832. Among other family members Samuel mentions the four children of his sister "Trinishe" deceased, who was the wife of William L. Penfold also deceased, namely John, Samuel, William and Edmund Penfold.⁵⁵

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