

Individual Narrative of Thomas⁶ Penfold [89] Son of Richard Penfold and Mary⁵ Leverich [24]

Thomas Penfold was born circa 1762 at Newtown, Queens, New York. He was the son of Richard Penfold and Mary Leverich. The birth date is a calculated date based upon his baptismal date, and the birth order of his siblings.¹ Thomas, son of Richard Penfold, was baptized 9 June 1763 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²

On 2 October 1781, the will of Samuel Lawrence of Newtown, Queens Co, New York was witnessed by Edmund Penfold, Thomas Penfold, and Robert Hinchman. The will was proved 27 August 1810, with Edmund Penfold testifying.³

Thomas Penfold is not found listed as a head of household in the 1790, 1800, and 1810 U.S. Censuses. Unmarried at the time, it is likely that he was living on the family farm in Newtown with his mother Mary, and various of his siblings at different times. Mary Penfold, widow, is a head of household in 1790 and 1800. Edward, an older brother of Thomas, is a head of household in 1810. The census tallies for these years support this proposition.^{4,5,6}

On 30 September 1815 Thomas Penfold was married to Mary Loweree at the St. George's Episcopal Church in Flushing, Queens Co, New York. At the time they married, Thomas was about age 53 and Mary was about age 40. They had no children that survived to adulthood. An account of the Penfold family by a nephew of Thomas Penfold, Richard Penfold Berrien, also identifies Mary Loweree as the spouse of his uncle Thomas Penfold.^{7,8,9,10} Mary Loweree may have been the daughter of Henry Loweree of Flushing, who made a will dated 15 December 1803. Henry's will names his children, including a daughter Mary. The will was proved 1 May 1820.¹¹

Thomas Penfold is recorded as a head of household in the 1820 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens Co, New York. The household included 1 free white male over the age of 45 and 1 free white female over the age of 45, which is consistent with Thomas' 1815 marriage.¹²

Thomas Penfold Sr. died on 13 Aug 1827 at Newtown, Queens, New York. Thomas Penfold Jr would have been Thomas Sr's nephew, the son of his brother Richard Penfold Jr. A place of burial has not been identified for Thomas Sr., but it may have been the Newtown Presbyterian Church grave yard, his death having been noted in the Church's records.¹³

On 19 October 1827, letters of administration on the estate of Thomas Penfold of Newtown were granted to his widow Mary Penfold.¹⁴

Mary Penfold is recorded as a head of household in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. She is living in close proximity to Thomas Penfold Jr, son of her brother-in-law Richard Penfold Jr; and William Tilton, husband of Catherine Penfold, the daughter of Mary's brother-in-law Richard Penfold Jr. The census tallies however do not match up, recording 1 free white female age 40 to 49, and 1 free white female age 20 to 29. Mary Loweree Penfold was born about 1775 as per the 1850 U.S. Census, as well as her age at the time of death. Therefore she was about age 55 in 1830.^{15,16,17}

Mary Penfold is recorded as a head of household in the 1840 U.S. Census of Flushing, Queens County, New York. The Census tallies include 1 free white female age 60 to 69 (Mary), and 1 free white female age 80-89 (unidentified). Mary's census record is associated with a primary and common school with 87 scholars.¹⁸

Mary Penfold is recorded in the 1850 U.S. Census household of William Philips, age 30, a carpenter born in Nova Scotia. Mary's age is given as 75 (hence born c 1775), and she owned real estate valued at \$1,500.00. No occupation is recorded for Mary. Also living in the household are Harriet Philips, age 27, born in New York; Samuel Philips, age 4, born in New York; and Catherine Hendrickson, age 19, born in in NY. Mary's relationship, if any, to the other members of the household has not been identified.¹⁹

Mary Loweree Penfold, wife of Thomas Penfold of Newtown, died 22 January 1857 at the age of 82 years (hence born c 1775). A place of burial for Mary has not been identified.²⁰

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