

Individual Narrative of Richard⁶ Penfold [88] Son of Richard Penfold and Mary⁵ Leverich [24]

Richard Penfold was born circa 1759 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. He was the son of Richard Penfold and Mary Leverich. James Riker's *Annals of Newtown* states that Richard was age 45 when he died in 1806.¹ Richard, son of Richard Penfold, was baptized 4 May 1760 at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.²

Richard Penfold married Catherine Bogert, daughter of Nicholas H Bogert, on 3 Jul 1783 at New York State, probably Westchester Co or Queens Co. Catherine was the daughter of Nicholas H. Bogert of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. The name of her mother has not been identified. A Nicholas Bogert and Catherine Broadhurst were married 21 August 1752 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Flatbush, Kings Co, New York.^{3,4,5,6}

Mathew Wolf Bogert Penfold, born 25 March 1784 the son of Richard and Catherine Penfold, was baptized 4 April 1784 at Trinity Church Parish, Manhattan, New York County, New York. The sponsors were the parents and Nicholas Bogert. This child likely died prior to reaching adulthood since he is not mentioned in his mother's will in 1831.⁷

Richard Penfold is not found listed in the 1790 U.S. Census. Richard and Catherine may have been living in the household of Catherine's father Nicholas H. Bogert, who is listed in the 1790 Census in New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. The Census tallies record 2 free white males under the age of 16, 2 free white males over the age of 16, and 3 free white females.⁸

Nicholas Bogert made a will dated 27 December 1798. Nicholas states that "I give to my daughter Catherine the wife of Richard Penfold the house and land on which they now live". Nicholas further states that "I give to my daughter Nancy the wife of Frederick Schureman ... the sum of twelve hundred pounds in consideration of my having given to my daughter Catherine the house and lot above mentioned, and heretofore paid for the said Richard Penfold large sums of money exceeding five hundred pounds." The will was proved in Westchester Co, New York Surrogate Court 14 January 1804.⁹

In a deed dated 4 June 1799, Nicholas H. Bogert of New Rochelle grants 9 acres of land with house to his son-in-law Richard Penfold in New Rochelle bounded by on the north and east by the road that leads from the bridge a few rods below the Mills now in the possession of Remsen Burtis, on the south by the lands late of Abraham Secord, deceased, and on the west by the Mill river, commonly called Hutchinson's River. The deed was recorded on 5 July 1799.¹⁰

Neither Nicholas Bogert nor Richard Penfold appear in the 1800 U.S. Census of Westchester Co, New York. A Nicholas Bogert however is found in both Dutchess County and New York County.^{11,12,13}

In 1799, the State of New York enacted legislation providing for the collection of taxes on real estate and personal property. Richard Penfold is recorded on the tax assessment list for the years 1799 to 1803 at New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. The average assessment of real estate for the years 1799 to 1802 was \$1,240. In 1803, the value of real estate is listed as \$800. It is not clear if this was the result of a reevaluation of property values, or if Richard had sold off a portion of his property.¹⁴

Richard Penfold died in Jan 1806 at Newtown, Queens, New York.^{15,16} The 1810 U.S. Census for Newtown, Queens County, New York records a Catherine Penfold, presumably the widow of Richard Penfold Jr. Neighbors of Catherine include Edward Leverich Jr and Charles Renne. The census tallies for Catherine suggest the possibility of three children living in the household.¹⁷

Catherine Penfold is not found as a head of household in either the 1820 or 1830 U.S. Census. However, son Thomas Penfold is found in the 1830 Census in Newtown, and the census tallies for Thomas suggest that his household may have included his mother Catherine.^{18,19}

Catherine Penfold of Newtown, widow of Richard Penfold, made a will in October 1831. The will names three children, i.e. daughter Catherine, wife of William Tilton, and sons Thomas and Nicholas B. The will was proved on 12 December 1831. Catherine therefore died between October and 12 December 1831. A place of burial for Catherine has not been identified.²⁰

On 9 February 1832, a notice of public auction was published in the *Long Island Farmer and Queens Advertiser*. "For Sale at Public Auction. On Wednesday the 14th of March at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, on the premises, a house and lot of ground at Middletown (so called), lately the property of Catherine Penfold, deceased, situated on the main road leading from Newtown to Hallett's Cove, and 5 miles from Williamsburgh Ferry. The Lot contains one quarter of an acre of land, with a comfortable Dwelling House containing one large room three bed-rooms, pantry and cellar kitchen, with out buildings, etc, and a number of Good Fruit Trees. Also, at the same time and place, all the personal property of said deceased consisting of an assortment of Household and Kitchen Furniture. Terms made known on the day of sale, and an indisputable title given, by Edward Leverich, Jun. Executor. N.B. The sale will be positive. Newtown, January 31st, 1832."²¹

Richard Penfold Jr and Catherine Bogert had three children that survived to adulthood.^{22,23}

- i. Catherine Penfold was born about 1785-1790 in Queens Co or Westchester Co, New York. Catherine married William Tilton 19 January 1811 at the Jamaica Reformed Dutch Church in Queens County. Catherine died after 1840, probably at Newtown. William Tilton is found in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 U.S. Census in Newtown, Queens Co, New York.^{24,25,26,27,28}
- ii. Thomas Penfold was born about 1790-1794 in Queens Co or Westchester Co, New York. Thomas was married, but the name of his wife has not been identified. Riker in his *Annals of Newtown* reports that Thomas had three daughters: Catherine, wife of Edmund Charles; Eliza-Jane, wife of Daniel Riker; and Ann-Maria. Thomas Penfold is found in the 1830 U.S. Census of Newtown, Queens County, New York. Thomas died after 1831, at which time he is mentioned in his mother's will.^{29,30,31}
- iii. Nicholas Bogert Penfold was born 9 January 1795, in Queens Co or Westchester Co, New York. Nicholas was married in New York 25 October 1820 to Margaret Spies. Nicholas died 10 January 1856 and was buried at the Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Nicholas is found in the 1840 and 1850 U.S. Census in Manhattan Ward 4, New York Co, New York.^{32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39}

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