

9. SAMUEL³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 12 March 1666/7, died 24 April 1738 (Sandwich Town Records, 1:109).

"The maryage between Samuel Gifford and JANE LORING both of Sandwich was solemn[ized] before Stephen Skeffe Esq Justice of Peace in Sandwich the second day of november 1699" (Sandwich Vital Records; *May. Desc.*, 29:31). Jane Loring, the daughter of Josiah Loring and Elizabeth (Prince) Loring, was born at Hingham 9 August 1663 and died at Sandwich 24 November 1744. Charles Henry Pope in the *Loring Genealogy* (1917) quotes the will of Josiah Loring of Hingham, dated 26 July 1712, proved 14 March 1712/13, as giving "to my daughter Jane Gifford . . . and to her son Josiah Gifford." We have checked this will in the Suffolk County Probates. The testator gives "to my daughter Jane Gifford, wife of Samuel Gifford . . . and to my grandson Josiah Gifford." Although Jane (Loring) Gifford survived her husband, there are no probates.

Harry E. Gifford (hereinafter *HEG*) in his genealogy of the Gifford family gives the date of death of Jane Gifford as 14 April 1700. We can find no reference in Sandwich or elsewhere to such a date. Gifford stated that Samuel Gifford had a second wife named Joanna, but we can find no record of this; other records prove that Jane Loring was the mother of Samuel's only child.

The will of John² Gifford, dated 9 April 1708, gives "unto my eldest son Samuel Gifford (besides what I have heretofore done for him) one hundred acres of my lands in Connecticut which I desire him to give unto his son as a token of my love for him" (see above). This property was in Windham County, Connecticut, as shown by a deed dated 20 March 1713/14 in which Samuel Gifford's brother Yelverton conveyed land on the east side of the Connecticut River, "only excepting three hundred acres thereof which sd John Gifford, my father, did, in his Last Will and Testament, give to his son Samuel Gifford and his grandson Robert Ransom" (Windham County Deeds; see also W.C. Ransom, *The Ransom Family of America* [1903], 43). Further research in Connecticut is indicated.

There are no probates for Samuel Gifford in Barnstable County; evidently he disposed of his land there by deed or agreement, probably with his only son.

Child:

37. i. JOSIAH⁴, "the son of Samuel Gifford and Jean Gifford his wife was born the 12th day of february Anno Domini 1700/1" (Sandwich Vital Records; *May. Desc.*, 30:62). This entry proves that the child was a son of the wife Jane Loring. Jean was a common variant at that period for Jane, but not for Joanna. In any case, the marriage and birth dates would make it impossible for the child to have been born to a second wife.

10. JOHN³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 12 June 1668, died, testate, at Rochester before 6 July 1750.

"The marriage between John Gifford and DESIRE SPRAGUE, solemnized before Sherjashub Bourne, Esqr the 24th of November Anno 1696" (*May. Desc.*, 30:59). Desire, the daughter of John² Sprague

(Francis¹) and Ruth (Basset) Sprague of Duxbury, was born about 1670. Her father was killed 26 March 1676 in "Capt. [Michael] Pierce's fight at Pawtucket in Philip's War" (Bodge).

John Gifford, like his elder brother Samuel, was married before a magistrate. They seem not to have been active Quakers.

John Gifford and his brother Samuel appear on a list of Sandwich freemen, 25 June 1702 (Freeman, *op. cit.*, 2:85). As we have seen, the will of John² Gifford gave his Falmouth lands equally between his sons John and William. We have seen, also, that William² Gifford, by a deed of 11 March 1711/12, signed an instrument intended to permit his nephews John³ Gifford and John's brother William, to divide part of the land which had come to them under their father's will (see above). In the latter deed John³ Gifford is called "of Falmouth" where he continued to live until, at the age of 74, he disposed of his property there and, with his son Samuel, removed to Rochester in Plymouth County.

An original deed by "John Gifford of Falmouth, weaver," dated 2 April 1742, conveys for £800 paid by "Beniaman" [i.e. Benjamin⁴ Gifford, son of the grantor's brother, William] Gifford of Falmouth, yeoman, a tract of upland and marsh in Falmouth "firstly, 40 acres, together with a dwelling house standing on said lott . . . bounded easterly by the lands of Thomas Parker. . . . Secondly, one halfe of the twelfth lot in the New Lots, so called, lying in partnership with sd Beniman Gifford. . . . Thirdly, land bounded by a lot of Marsh or meadow lying at Littel Sepoiset . . . westerly by the marsh of Beniman Allen and Beniman Gifford, westerly by the marsh of Joseph Landers and Joseph Parker. . . . Fourthly, a part of the twelfth lot in the Hill Lots, so called, excepting a part of a quarter lot that sd John Gifford hath aliened to Beniman by a deed to John Jenkins . . . each a lot belonging to the Old Purchase, so called. . . ." Signed John Gifford. Witnesses: Thomas Shiverick, Joseph Robinson. On the back of the original appears: "Barnstable, 27 July 1742, the subscriber, John Gifford, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the within instrument to be his hand and deed. Seth Parker, J.P. Barnstable—Received Oct. 30, 1742 and is recorded in the 19th Book, folio 284. By me John Thacher, Register." This recorded copy was destroyed in the 1827 fire. The copy of the original in the collection of Arnold B. Gifford was furnished to us by Capt. Charles A. Davis, both of Falmouth.

A second deed of the same date, 2 April 1742, shows that Nathaniel Goodspeed of Rochester conveyed to John Gifford of Falmouth for £510, a tract of land in Rochester. The deed was signed by John Gifford, and witnessed by Thomas Shiverick, Joseph Robinson (Plymouth County Deeds, 34:34). A third deed, dated 22 November 1742, reads "Edward Winslow of Rochester . . . for £146 paid by John Gifford of sd Rochester, conveyed a 36 acre tract lying to the Northward of sd John Gifford's homestead. Acknowledged 11 July 1751; recorded at Plymouth 16 July 1751" (*ibid.*, 41:122).

The will of John Gifford of Rochester, dated 26 August 1749, proved 10 July 1750, bequeaths to his son Samuel Gifford, his daughter Ruth Gifford "now a widow," and to his grandchildren, Ruben

Gifford, Katherine Gifford, Wesson Gifford, Salvanus Gifford, Huldah Gifford, Desire Gifford, and Justice Gifford. His granddaughter Desire Allen was to have no share in the estate "haveing Rec'd the same already." Samuel was appointed executor. The witnesses were John Burge, George King, and Noah Sprague (Plymouth County Probates, 12:340). However, the executor had died before 6 July 1750 when the inventory of John Gifford was presented. The total, including housing and lands, came to £173.6s.8d. Administration was granted to Mary Gifford of Rochester, widow of his son Samuel. Her accounting, dated 13 July 1760, includes a small item "To his nursing and tendance" which, with all charges, came to only £4.3s.8d. (*ibid.*, 360, 366, 367).

Children recorded in Falmouth to John and Desire Gifford (Falmouth Town Records):

- i. WESTON⁴, b. December 1697; apparently *d.s.p.* since neither he nor heirs are named in the father's will. He was doubtless named for his mother's brother, Weston Sprague.
- ii. RUTH, b. 14 Feb. 1699/1700; mar. in 1716 JUSTICE³ GIFFORD (*William², William¹*) *q.v.*
38. iii. SAMUEL, b. 21 Apr. 1705.

11. WILLIAM³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 7 May 1673, died at Falmouth, testate, before 27 November 1733.

"William Gifford and ELIZABETH WHEATEN entered into a maryage covenant solemnized before Stephen Skeffe Just Peace, March 13th Anno 1701/2" (Sandwich Town Records; *May. Desc.*, 29:31). Perhaps some one familiar with the descendants of Robert¹ Wheaten of Salem and Rehoboth can identify this woman. We note that Christopher² Wheaten of Hull married Martha² Prince whose sister Elizabeth² Prince, wife of Josiah Loring, was mother of Jane (Loring) Gifford (see above). We suspect that Elizabeth (Wheaten) Gifford was a sister of the Martha Wheaten who married at Sandwich in 1701 Eldad Tupper.

William Gifford married secondly, 7 November 1726, EXPERIENCE (BOWERMAN) CLAGHORN, daughter of Thomas² Bowerman (*Thomas¹*) and Mary (Harper) Bowerman of Falmouth, born about 1683, died after 31 December 1740. She had married first, in Falmouth 30 June 1712, James Claghorn by whom she had four children. Conclusive proof of her parentage is supplied by the will of her mother's brother, Stephen² Harper, in which he gives to "his kinswoman Experience Gifford" £30. He gives, also, to her siblings, including her sister Deborah Gifford, wife of Gershom³ Gifford. (See "Robert Harper of Sandwich," *The American Genealogist*, 48:216.)

William³ Gifford was called "Junr" on the records to distinguish him from his uncle, William² Gifford (*William¹*). The latter's son William³ Gifford (#21) was called William Gifford "the younger."

By a deed dated 20 November 1710, Gideon Hoxie, for £30 paid by William Gifford of Sandwich, weaver, conveyed "all that my one parcell of marsh or meadow ground which I formerly had and bought of my uncle Samuell Brigs . . . at Potters Neck . . . in sd Sandwich . . .