

after BATR). Unconfirmed notes allege that Alfred Gifford had seven children born at Hudson, where he was a lumber merchant. Research is needed in Columbia County, N. Y., deeds and probates to confirm.

101. JESSE⁵ GIFFORD (*John⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*) was born 23 February 1745 and died, testate, in Falmouth in 1821 (FATR).

He married in Falmouth 2 January 1771, MEHITABLE THOMAS "both of Falmouth" (*ibid.*).

John⁴ Gifford, in his will dated 18 April 1783, gave this son, Jesse Gifford, part of the Falmouth property on which Jesse's house then stood, and named him sole executor.

By a deed of 4 February 1788 "Jesse Gifford of Falmouth, yeoman, as Executor to the Estate of John Gifford of Falmouth, deceased, in said capacity" conveyed for £62 2s. paid by Prince Gifford of Falmouth, yeoman, a piece of Falmouth land, bounded by Long Pond, land of James Jenkins, and of Hoksey, containing about 40 acres. Jesse Gifford signed the deed; witnesses were Nathaniel Shiverick, Timothy Crocker; acknowledged 4 February 1788 and recorded 3 April 1788 (Barnstable County Deeds, hereafter BACD, 40:197—original from the Arnold B. Gifford Collection at Falmouth, furnished by Charles A. Davis, hereafter ABG:CAD).

The will of Jesse Gifford of Falmouth, boatbuilder, dated 1 October 1821, gives:

To my daughter Anna Gifford, \$20, to be paid one year after my decease. To my four daughters: Sabra Edwards, Lydia Lovell, Mahala Gifford and Mehitable Gifford, \$3 each to be paid in one year after my decease. To my grand children, the children of my daughter Thankful Nye, deceased, \$1 each. To his beloved wife comfort and support and maintenance out of the residue of both personal and real estate . . . by whom hereafter expressed (in lieu of dower). To my two sons Asa Gifford and Jesse Gifford the residue of the estate, to be equally divided between them, both real and personal, on condition that they support and maintain my beloved wife, Mehitable, in sickness and in health, during her widowhood.

He directed that the bequests of real property hold to the respective devisees and their heirs and that the money bequests do likewise to the designated heirs. He appointed his son Asa sole executor. The will was signed by the mark of Jesse Gifford and witnessed by Thomas Fish, Joseph Hatch, and Braddock Gifford (BACP, 43:9).

In the 1790 census Jesse Gifford is listed in Falmouth as head of a family of two males over 16, four under 16, and six females.

Children recorded to Jesse and Mehitable in Falmouth Town Records:

- i. ANNA⁶, b. 13 Dec. 1771; d: unm. 21 June 1823. She is named in her father's will.

- ii. SABRA, b. 12 Oct. 1773; d. 17 Sept. 1846; m. 22 Oct. 1807 ANSEL EDWARDS (*ibid.*).
- iii. THANKFUL, b. 13 Feb. 1776; d. 12 Sept. 1846; m. 22 Oct. 1801 BENJAMIN NYE (*ibid.*).
- iv. THOMAS, b. 22 Feb. 1778; d.s.p. 17 Sept. 1805, "killed by the bursting of a cannon," "ae. 27 y. 7m."; m. 20 Sept. 1804 HANNAH BUTLER, dau. Obed⁵ Butler (*Daniel⁴⁻³⁻², Thomas¹*) and Susanna (Jones) of Falmouth, b. 25 Apr. 1775. The will of Obed Butler, 12 Mar. 1812, names this daughter "Hannah Gifford." She was then still a widow.
- v. BETHUEL, b. 19 Mar. 1780; d.s.p. 12 Oct. 1811 "in his 32nd yr" (FATR).
- vi. ASA, b. 26 Oct. 1782; d. intestate, 13 June 1860; m. 31 Aug. 1817 HANNAH BOURNE (*ibid.*).
- vii. MAHALA, b. 14 June 1785; d. 19 Mar. 1846 "ae. 60" (*ibid.*).
- viii. LYDIA, b. 14 Aug. 1787; d. 24 Mar. 1872; m. 21 Jan. 1813 ELLIS LOVELL (*ibid.*).
- ix. JESSE, b. 20 Mar. 1790; d. 4 June 1825 "lost at sea, in a marine disaster" (Freeman, 2:472); m. 25 Aug. 1818 ABBY L. CROSBY (*ibid.*).
- x. MEHITABLE, b. 2 Dec. 1792; d. 6 July 1858.

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