

WILLIAM¹ GIFFORD OF SANDWICH, MASS.

(D. 1687)

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105. BENJAMIN⁵ GIFFORD (*Samuel⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*) was born in Sandwich on 6 September 1773. He was living on 24 April 1796, when named in his father's will.

We have only tradition for the life of Benjamin Gifford. It is alleged that he went to Newport or to New York City and became rich and that he returned to Sandwich to take his unmarried sister Marie from the Sandwich almshouse to live with his family in New York City. He is said to have had two sons and four daughters, one of whom married a merchant in Wall Street, David S. Miller. We have been unable to confirm or refute these traditions, and we hope that some reader may know of a Bible or other family records which will supply information on this man and his family.

106. ALDEN⁵ GIFFORD (*Samuel⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*) was born in Sandwich, 10 July 1775 and died after the date of the 1830 census.

The wife whom he married about 1803 was named MARY or MERCY. She has not been identified. Perhaps he was disowned by the Friends Monthly Meeting as a result of this marriage, since his children were baptized in the Sandwich First Church. Mercy Gifford was admitted to membership 9 October 1808, and on 1 February 1809 "Nathan, Hope Hamblen and Samuel Jarvis, of Alden and Mercy Gifford" were baptized. Josiah "Jr." was baptized 13 April 1809; Hannah, 1 May 1811; and Alden, Jr., 7 July 1813.

The church records show that: "24 Sept. 1815—Alden Gifford and Mercy, his wife, were dismissed and recommended to the Church in Locke, New York" (see the original church record book in the Library at the Society).

The 1820 census shows Alden Gifford at Locke, Cayuga County, New York, head of a family of one male under 10, two between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 18, one female under 10, one under 16, one between 26 and 45 and one over 45. The family is listed again in 1830, as is the son Nathan and, perhaps, Josiah. By 1840 the family may have moved farther west.

Children recorded in Sandwich Town Records to "Alden and Mary":

- i. NATHAN⁶, b. 1 Mar. 1804.
- ii. HOPE HAMBLEN (called "Hossey Hamlin"), b. 23 Mar. 1806.
- iii. SAMUEL JARVIS (called Samuel "Gervis"), b. 26 Aug. 1807.
- iv. JOSIAH, b. 19 Apr. 1809.
- v. HANNAH, b. 25 Mar. 1811.
- vi. ALDEN, b. 7 July 1813.

107. NATHAN⁵ GIFFORD (*Samuel⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*) was born in Sandwich 10 February 1779, and was living 24 April 1796 when his father's will was made. We include him here only because tradition says that he married and had issue.

108. EBENEZER⁵ GIFFORD (*Christopher⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*) was baptized 13 October 1765 (Falmouth Church Records, 1:55) and died at Falmouth 7 October 1844, "of old age" (Falmouth Town Records, 3:286, hereafter FATR).

He married 29 March 1783 at Falmouth, MERIBAH ROBINSON, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Robinson) Robinson, born at Chilmark 27 January 1762, died at Falmouth 2 January 1835 (FATR).

Children (recorded in FATR):

- i. ROBINSON⁶, b. 30 July 1783; d. unm. 1833 "ae. 50."
- ii. MARY (called Polly), b. 9 June 1785; m. 22 Jan. 1809 ASISHAI GREEN, a farmer at Tetaket. Nine children.
- iii. PHEBE, b. 24 Apr. 1787; m. 3 Nov. 1808 ABNER JENKINS, s. of Samuel and Rest (Snow). He was a mason by trade. Nine children.
- iv. BETHUEL, b. 24 May 1789; d. 1876; m. 2 Feb. 1815 SUSAN SWIFT. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived in Falmouth and Fairhaven. Children (FATR): 1. *Louisa*, b. 8 Sept. 1816; m. Hiram Tripp of Fairhaven. 2. *Moses Swift*, b. 3 Mar. 1819; removed to Boston. 3. *James Nelson*, b. 3 Mar. 1821. 4. *Alex-Francis*, b. 23 June 1724; removed to California. 5. *Bethuel*, b. 8 Apr. 1826; d. 20 Mar. 1827.
- v. BRADDOCK, b. 3 Oct. 1791; d. Woods Hole, 22 Jan. 1875; m. 10 Jan. 1819 MARY ROWLEY of Quisset, d. 12 Nov. 1861. Children: 1. *Benjamin Rowley*, b. 18 Oct. 1819; d. 14 Aug. 1889; m. 9 Sept. 1873 Mary Hewitt, "b. England" 14 Sept. 1825; d. Oct. 1894. 2. *Gideon Clark*, b. 26 Oct. 1821; d. 29 Apr. 1891; m. 28 Oct. 1846 Julia A. Lawrence. 3. *Susan C.*, b. 25 Nov. 1823; d. 11 Sept. 1825. 4. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 25 Sept. 1825; m. 24 Oct. 1844 Charles A. Clark. 5. *Barzillai*, b. 23 Jan. 1828; d. 20 Aug. 1897; m. 1852 Elizabeth Ann Gardiner, b. 23 May 1834, d. 27 Dec. 1911. 6. *Lydia Hammond*, b. 20 Apr. 1830; d. 22 Aug. 1846. 7. *Braddock*, b. 12 Apr. 1835.
- vi. LUCY, b. 7 Sept. 1793; m. 26 Oct. 1826 CORNELIUS GRINNELL of Fairhaven.