

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. WESTON<sup>4</sup>, 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 JUSTICE<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD (*William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) *q.v.*
38. iii. SAMUEL, b. 21 Apr. 1705.

11. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD (*John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), 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 Robert<sup>1</sup> Wheaten of Salem and Rehoboth can identify this woman. We note that Christopher<sup>2</sup> Wheaten of Hull married Martha<sup>2</sup> Prince whose sister Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> 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 Thomas<sup>2</sup> Bowerman (*Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) 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, Stephen<sup>2</sup> Harper, in which he gives to "his kinswoman Experience Gifford" £30. He gives, also, to her siblings, including her sister Deborah Gifford, wife of Gershom<sup>3</sup> Gifford. (See "Robert Harper of Sandwich," *The American Genealogist*, 48:216.)

William<sup>3</sup> Gifford was called "Junr" on the records to distinguish him from his uncle, William<sup>2</sup> Gifford (*William<sup>1</sup>*). The latter's son William<sup>3</sup> 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 . . .

lying on the southerly side of the River or Creeke called Scorton River . . . three acres and a halfe . . . as is described in the Sandwich Towne Book." Signed: Gideon Hoxie. Witnessed: William Bassett, William Bassett, Junr. Acknowledged 29 November 1710. The above deed has been preserved in the family of Arnold B. Gifford of Falmouth. A Xerox copy was sent to us by Capt. Charles A. Davis. The first two or three lines of the instrument have disappeared, but on the back is the notation that it was recorded 6 March 1712/13 in the Barnstable County Deed liber 6, page 46. The grantor was the husband of Grace<sup>3</sup> (Gifford) Hoxie, and thus brother-in-law of the grantee.

A second deed from the same, dated 1 September 1726, relates that "William Gifford, Junr. of Falmouth . . . for that Love, Good Will and fatherly affection which I have and bear unto my loving son, Benjamin Gifford of Falmouth as well as for other good causes" gave "all that my upland lying at a place called Job's Field in Falmouth, which is one halfe of the sd Job's Field so called as it is divided between my brother John Gifford and myselfe as per deed may appear more particularly . . . and also one other halfe lott adjoining . . . also that marsh called Littel Marsh lying at a place called Littel Sipiwiset in sd Falmouth." Signed William Gifford. Witnessed: Jonathan [X] Green, Samuel [X] Gifford. Acknowledged 7 Sept. 1726 before Daniel Parker, J. P. Recorded 19 Oct. 1726, in Liber 13, page 250, by John Thacher, Register of Deeds.

William Gifford "Junr." was a member of the Society of Friends, and he is listed among the remonstrants against the ministerial tax in 1730. He held the office of surveyor and other posts, per the town records.

The will of "William Gifford, Junr, of Falmouth," dated 7 November 1726 [the very day of the testator's second marriage], proved 27 November 1733, bequeaths to his wife Experience, his daughter Elizabeth, and to his son Benjamin. He gave to Experience "all the lott of Upland in Falmouth bought of Joseph Hatch, Junr., also salt marsh and upland lying at the so called Great Marsh in Falmouth, with the housing on sd lands, during her widowhood. But if my wife shall have children by me, then my will is that the sd lott and sd land and marsh shall be equally divided between these children which shall be born of my wife Experience before my death." He named as executors his brother Josiah and his brother-in-law Benjamin Bowerman. Both executors refused to act, and the Court appointed Thomas Bowerman administrator C.T.A. (Barnstable County Probates, 5:200).

Children recorded in Sandwich to William and Elizabeth Gifford (*May. Desc.*, 30:100):

39. i. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, b. 20 Aug. 1703.
- ii. NATHAN, b. 16 Feb. 1704/05; *d.s.p.*; not named in his father's will.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 31 May 1710; mar. 25 June 1730 DANIEL<sup>4</sup> LEWIS (Falmouth Town Records, 1:216), son of Nathan<sup>8</sup> Lewis (*George*<sup>2-1</sup>) and Sarah Arey, b. in Barnstable 24 June 1708.

## Children by second wife, Experience:

- iv. WILLIAM, b. 13 July 1728. No further record.
- ? v. JOSEPH, birth not recorded. The Court appointed Ebenezer Hatch, Jr., 19 May 1742 as "guardian unto Joseph Gifford, a minor aged about 14 years, son to William Gifford, late of Falmouth, deceased." This could only refer to a son of this William Gifford since William<sup>3</sup> Gifford (*William<sup>2-1</sup>*) was living at this time. No further record.

12. YELVERTON<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD (*John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born 22 April 1676, died at North Kingstown, R.I., 31 March 1772.

He married at Jamestown, R.I., 28 Feb. 1714, ANN NORTHRUP.

The will of John<sup>2</sup> Gifford, dated 9 April 1708, gives land in Connecticut to this son Yelverton Gifford. The location of the legacy is found through the following deed:

Yelverton Gifford, son of John Gifford, late of the town of Sandwich . . . now deceased, for £20 paid by John Watson of Plymouth, convey my tract of land lying on the east side of Connecticut River within the Colony of Connecticut . . . which was given to me by the sd John Gifford, my father, by his Last Will . . . dated 9 April 1708 . . . it being all the land which sd John Gifford did purchase from my uncle William More of Windham in the sd colony, as per deed of 3 June 1702 . . . 20 March 1713/14 (Windham Deeds E:354; see also Ransom, *op. cit.*, 43).

The will of Yelverton Gifford of North Kingstown, proved in May 1772, gives to his "grandsons, the children of my son John Gifford . . . grand daughter Martha Sherman. . . . To my daughters: Ann Congdon, Elizabeth Davis and Hannah, wife of Joseph Arnold . . . my grandsons Peleg and John Gifford . . . my grand daughter Abigail Watson . . . my grandson Josiah Gifford" (taken from an abstract supplied by Mrs. Elva Collins Thoeming of Morris, Ill.).

## Children recorded in North Kingstown, R.I. (Town Records):

- i. ANN<sup>4</sup>, b. 5 June 1715; d. North Kingstown, R.I., 3 Feb. 1795; mar. 30 Mar. 1732 WILLIAM CONGDON, b. 6 Nov. 1711, d. 14 Oct. 1755; fourteen children.
- ii. PATIENCE, b. 9 Feb. 1716; mar. North Kingstown 23 Nov. 1732, Joseph Arnold.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 25 — 1719; mar. (1) JOSEPH WEIGHT (2) WILLIAM DAVIS
- iv. ABIGAIL.
- v. HANNAH; mar. 30 Aug. 1737, Joseph Arnold, widower of her sister Patience.
- 40. vi. JOHN, b. ca. 1728.

13. JOSIAH<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD (*John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*), born 27 February 1681/2, was living at Falmouth in 1733. No probates have been found.

He married 11 March 1714/15, MERCY CHADWICK who has not been identified. They were both of Sandwich (Sandwich Town Records, 1:52).

Josiah Gifford must have had above average ability since, although he was the youngest son, his father made him sole executor of his will in 1708. He was named coexecutor, also, of the will of his brother William<sup>3</sup> Gifford. Doubtless the Barnstable deed records would have filled out the picture here if they had not been destroyed in the 1827 fire. At his son's marriage in 1742, the Sandwich Friends Monthly Meeting records name the parents as Josiah and Mercy Gifford. It