

Cronk [*sic*], and Benjamin Gifford (Albany County Probates, 22:200 and Vol. 26).

Joseph Gifford's children were born probably in New York State. The dates for their births and marriages have come to us without reference to original records, and confirmation through further research is needed. However, some of the dates are confirmed through gravestone records.

Children:

- i. LOIS⁶, b. 23 Mar. 1769; d. 4 Aug. 1847; m. ——— CRONKITE.
- ii. EBENEZER, b. 4 Mar. 1771; d.s.p. testate in 1807 at Northampton, N. Y.; m. ELIZABETH ———.
- iii. HANNAH, b. 17 July 1773.
- iv. GIDEON, b. 1773 [twin(?)]; d. 23 May 1830 "ae. 57" (g.s. Lutheran Cem., Melrose, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., beside his wife Sibel); m. SIBEL WILSON.
- v. TIMOTHY, b. 30 Mar. 1775; d. 30 Oct. 1824, aged 49 years (g.s. Gifford's Corner Cem., Northampton, N. Y.); m. MARY (——) (g.s. beside her husband).
- vi. BENJAMIN, 5 Dec. 1777; d. 7 Mar. 1843 aged 65 years (g.s. Old Village Cem., Northville, Fulton Co., N. Y.); m. SIBEL WILSON(?), d. Sept. 1832 "in 68th y." (g.s. Old Village Cem., Northville, N. Y.). Was she his brother's widow? The age at death is probably in error.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. 1 Oct. 1779.
- viii. JOHN M., b. 5 Sept. 1781; d. 9 Sept. 1853, Penfield, N. Y.; m. (1) 5 Feb. 1799 SARAH WILSON; (2) 31 Jan. 1849 POLLY PERRY.
- ix. ANANIAS, b. 17 Sept. 1783; d. 18 June 1842 (g.s. Gifford's Corner Cem.); m. SALLY PROPER, b. 1788, d. 1840 (g.s. beside her husband).
- x. JOSEPH D., b. 12 Sept. 1785; m. SALLY ———, d. 26 Aug. 1829.
- xi. STEPHEN.

111. DAVID⁵ GIFFORD (*Joseph⁴, Gershom³, William²⁻¹*) was born at Wareham, 22 May 1745 and died at Dartmouth, 14 February 1826 "ae. 64" (*Columbian Centinel*, 22 Feb. 1826). Obviously the age is wrong.

He married (intentions in Dartmouth, 16 Mar. 1771), "both of Dartmouth," HANNAH SHEPHERD, born 24 April 1743, died February 1831 ("widow of David, ae. 88 yrs. died in Dartmouth"—*Columbian Centinel*, 16 Feb. 1831). She was a daughter of William⁴ Gifford (*Jeremiah³, Robert², William¹*) and his wife Elizabeth Tripp, and widow of Abner Shepherd, whom she married 16 June 1763.

Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth, by a deed of 4 December 1771, gave "for the love and good will I do bear unto my son David Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, a part of that land I had of Peleg Gifford and Nathaniel Howland" (Bristol County Deeds, 9:413).

By deed of 4 April 1775 David Gifford (then called "2d" to distinguish him from his uncle David Gifford) sold for £11 12s. paid by Jonathan

Shearman of Dartmouth, house carpenter, six acres of land in Dartmouth, his wife releasing her dower rights (*ibid.*, 10:133). The next deed of sale, 13 January 1794, shows David Gifford selling to Moses Grinnel of Boston, mariner, for £318, "my part of a farm in Dartmouth given me by my father, Joseph Gifford, deceased." It is signed by David Gifford, his wife signing a release. The final deed given by David Gifford is dated 3 September 1808 and conveys to one Joseph Gifford (possibly his brother) three and one-half acres in Dartmouth "bounded by land that my Father Joseph Gifford gave me by a deed which is mislaid or lost" (*ibid.*, 18:356, 357).

We can find no birth records for David Gifford's children. The dates are given in *Representative Men & Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts* ([Chicago, 1912], 874-876). This source shows David Gifford's age at death as eighty-four, which appears to be correct.

Children, probably all born Dartmouth:

- i. WILLIAM⁶, b. ca. 1772; m. at Dartmouth 29 Aug. 1793 HANNAH RUSSELL, "both of Dartmouth" (*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1930], hereafter *DAVR*).
- ii. ELIHU, b. ca. 1774; d. 13 Sept. 1808; m. 30 Dec. 1801 POLLY⁶ GIFFORD (*Elihu⁵, Peleg⁴, Jeremiah³, Robert², William¹*), b. 20 Jan. 1780, d. 16 Jan. 1828. She m. (2) 11 Mar. 1821 Reuben Jenney.
- iii. CONTENT, b. 9 Mar. 1781; m. 26 Feb. 1801 CALEB SANFORD, b. 25 Dec. 1780, d. 26 Mar. 1834. He m. (2) Hannah Pollard.
- iv. DAVID, b. ca. 1783; m. (int. at Dartmouth, 13 Jan. 1806) SARAH COREY, d. 10 Nov. 1872.
- v. JOSEPH, b. 28 May 1788; m. at Dartmouth, 10 Mar. 1811 AMY SANFORD.
- vi. HANNAH, b. Dec. 1790; m. (int. at Dartmouth, 8 Sept. 1814) STEPHEN SHERMAN.

[To be continued]

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