

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> GIFFORD OF SANDWICH, MASS.

(D. 1687)

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**112.** JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Gershom<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2-1</sup>*) was born probably at Wareham, 12 February 1751, and died at Mattapoisett, 2 August 1807.

He married first, 14 February 1771 HANNAH WINSLOW, daughter of Edward and Abigail Winslow of Dartmouth, born 27 June 1749 (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1717-1850, hereafter SMMR), died probably shortly before 3 April 1795 when Joseph Gifford took his children to Dartmouth.

He married secondly, 27 August 1795 ELIZABETH GIFFORD, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Cornell) Gifford, born 16 February 1751, died 17 April 1840.

At a Friends Monthly Meeting on 3 July 1789, "Rufus Gifford is put as an apprentice in Edward Winslow's family in Dartmouth" (Friends Monthly Meeting Records, 1672-1754, 197, hereafter FMMR). The Winslows not being Quakers, the boy was recommended to the care of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. At a Monthly Meeting on 3 April 1795 at Sandwich we learn: "Joseph Gifford expects to move to Dartmouth and desires a certificate for himself and his family, namely: Abraham, Joseph, Edward, Prince, John, and Hannah" (*ibid.*). Henry E. Gifford (hereafter HEG) tells us that this Joseph Gifford lived on a farm in Dartmouth which in 1896 was occupied as an almshouse, and that he owned Sheep Island in Mattapoisett Harbour.

HEG in the *Gifford Genealogy* (1896) attributed the following children to an Abraham Gifford. Fortunately, the original Sandwich Monthly Meeting Book, 1717-circa 1850, which may be seen at the Rhode Island Historical Society in Providence, includes records of the birth of the above Joseph Gifford, births of his two wives, death of the second wife, Elizabeth, and birth dates of all eight children. The Dartmouth and New Bedford records also name Joseph as the father in the marriage records of his children.

Children, all by the first wife, Hannah:

- i. RUFUS<sup>6</sup>, b. 8 Mar. 1772; m. in Long Plain, New Bedford, 8 Oct. 1795 RUTH SHERMAN, daughter of John and Experience Sher-

- man. Rufus, his wife Ruth, and son *Isaac* received a certificate to the Easton, N. Y. Monthly Meeting 20 Apr. 1801. The Easton Friends Monthly Meeting shows a removal certificate for Rufus Gifford, wife Ruth, children *Isaac*, *Lydia Sherman*, *Ira*, and *Eli* from Easton to Pelham, N. Y.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. 21 June 1773; d. 15 Nov. 1827 (Falmouth Town Records, hereafter FATR); m. (1) 6 July 1797 SARAH TRIPP, daughter of Stephen and Deborah Tripp of New Bedford; (2) 7 Aug. 1806 DEBORAH BOWERMAN, daughter of Barnabas and Hannah Bowerman of Falmouth, b. 1 Nov. 1771, d. testate, in 1842 (SMMR, 1762-1841). By his first wife, Sarah, Stephen Gifford had: 1. *Hannah*, b. 3 Aug. 1799; m. 14 Dec. 1820 Stephen Dillingham, son of Joseph and Esther. 2. *Mary*, b. 1 Oct. 1801; m. in Fairhaven, 1 June 1819 Thomas H. Howland, son of Matthew and Abigail of Fairhaven (*Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1932], hereafter NBVR). By the 2nd wife, Deborah: 3. *Martha*, b. 8 Feb. 1811; m. 13 Nov. 1834 Adrian Davis of Westport (SMMR), son of Job and Sarah (Gifford) Davis of Little Compton, b. 4 Feb. 1809 (*Vital Records of Westport, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1918], hereafter WEVR). It is interesting to note that in his youth Stephen Gifford, like his brothers, left home for a time. The Friends Records show that in 1791 he had a removal certificate from the Long Plain Monthly Meeting to Saratoga, N. Y., where he was apprenticed to John Dillingham.
- iii. ABRAHAM, b. 14 Mar. 1776; d. 1 Jan. 1858; m. at New Bedford, 22 Aug. 1799 LUCY SHERMAN, daughter of John and Experience Sherman of Rochester. Like his brother Rufus he removed to Easton, N. Y., and probably, later, to Collins, Erie Co., N. Y.
- iv. JOSEPH, b. 22 Mar. 1779; d. 29 Oct. 1795 (*Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1928], hereafter NAVR); m.?
- v. EDWARD, b. 31 Jan. 1781; d. at Yarmouth, 11 July 1853 "ae. 72 yr. 5m." (Yarmouth Town Records, hereafter YATR); m. at Pembroke, 11 Jan. 1804 SARAH ROGERS, daughter of Joseph Rogers of Marshfield. The Pembroke Monthly Meeting on 1 Mar. 1804 gave "to Sarah Gifford wife of Edward Gifford, about to remove to live with her husband" a certificate to the Sandwich Monthly Meeting. We find no record of issue. He m. (2) at Yarmouth, 18 Sept. 1821 BETHIA CLARK. Children of Edward and Bethia (YATR): 1. *Clark*, b. 27 June 1822. 2. *Sarah*, b. 15 July 1824. 3. *David*, b. 15 Jan. 1826. 4. *John Warren*, b. 24 May 1830.
- vi. HANNAH, b. 15 July 1783; d. 19 Apr. 1864; m. at Dartmouth, 18 Mar. 1805 BARNABAS HOLLOWAY, son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Wing) Holloway (*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1930], hereafter DAVR), b. 12 Aug. 1777, d. 5 May 1855. Five children.

- vii. PRINCE, b. 6 Jan. 1785; d. 9 May 1844 "ae. 59 yr. 4m." (YATR); m. (1) 10 Apr. 1804 SYLVIA WING, daughter of Bennett and Rhoda Wing of Sandwich, b. 7 July 1783, d. 28 Oct. 1809; (2) 21 May 1811 PATIENCE GIFFORD (DAVR), daughter of William and Freelope (Potter) Gifford of Dartmouth, b. 7 June 1791, d. 28 May 1823. Children, by first wife: 1. *Sylvia Wing*, b. 24 Oct. 1806; d. 21 May 1822. 2. *Rhoda*, b. 19 Oct. 1808; m. 13 Sept. 1827 Daniel Wing, son of Daniel and Dorothy Wing of Sidney, Kennebeck Co. (SMMR). By second wife: 3. *Joseph*, b. 3 Mar. 1812; m. 9 June 1835 Sophia Young. 4. *Hannah Winslow*, b. 28 Apr. 1814; d. 14 Aug. 1814. 5. *Eveline*, b. 15 Apr. 1817. 6. *Sylvia Wing*, b. 22 Apr. 1823. Prince Gifford m. (3) 11 June 1829 TAMSEN (FREEMAN) SEARS, daughter of John and Bethia Freeman of Brewster, and widow of Jonathan Sears of Yarmouth, and had: 7. *Emily Sears*, b. 4 July 1830. 8. *Hannah Winslow*, b. 28 Apr. 1832. 9. *Prince*, b. 20 Oct. 1834. 10. *Benjamin F.*, b. 17 Nov. 1836; d. 8 Sept. 1838. 11. *Tamsen F.*, b. 7 Oct. 1839. 12. *Benjamin Freeman*, b. 28 Jan. 1842. 13. *Elizabeth* (called *Betsey*) *Freeman*, b. 19 Nov. 1844 (all data from SMMR and YATR).
- viii. JOHN WARREN, b. 16 Oct. 1788; d. 21 Jan. 1866; m. at Westport 3 Nov. 1811 BARBARA (HOWLAND) GIFFORD, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tibbetts) Howland and widow of Elihu Gifford, b. 12 Nov. 1782, d. 6 Oct. 1867.

**113.** JUSTUS<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, *Jabez*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born 26 December 1753, and died probably between the dates of the 1800 and 1810 censuses. We can find no will for him and no deeds in Dutchess County.

He married about 1773 PATIENCE KELSEY (given as his wife in Jane B. Welling, *They Were Here Too, Genealogies of the . . . Families of Southern Washington County* [Greenwich, N. Y., 1917], 3:503). Confirmation has not been found.

We believe that this is the Justus Gifford of Pawling's Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, who on 10 May 1784 was granted administration on the intestate estate of Jonathan Cutler of that place (see "Letters of Administration," *Collections of the New York Historical Society* [36 (1903): 410]. He is probably the Justus Gifford listed on page 242 in James A. Roberts's *New York in the Revolution* (Albany, 1898), as serving in the Dutchess County Militia, 3rd Regiment (Land Bounty Rights).

Justus Gifford is listed along with his brothers Benjamin and Elihu (recorded as Elisha) in the 1790 census as head of a family in Cambridge, Albany County, New York, with two males over 16, two males under 16, and six females. The 1800 census lists him, still in Cambridge (by then Washington County), as "Justice" Gifford with a family of two males 10 to 16, one male 16 to 26, one male 26 to 45, one female 10 to 16, one female over 45. By 1810 Justus is no longer listed, but his son David and