

- 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 Freelove (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. JUSTUS⁵ GIFFORD (*Benjamin*⁴, *Jabez*³, *William*²⁻¹) 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

his brother Benjamin appear in Cambridge, and his brother Elihu (again recorded as Elisha) is listed in the neighboring town of Easton.

The census entries for Justus Gifford in 1790 and 1800 suggest that he had three sons and probably several more daughters. HEG does not list the wife and gives him only three children: David, Lansing, and a daughter. Welling, *They Were Here Too* (3:503), lists his children as David, Lansing, and Mary.

Welling also makes brief note of Robert Gifford, son of Benjamin⁴ Gifford and brother of Justus⁵ Gifford and Benjamin⁵ Gifford. Mary Wilbur's Bible contains the notation that Robert was murdered "brutally and foully by robbers in his own home on Quaker Hill [Pauling, Dutchess County] with the best years of his life yet to come" (3:504). We do not overlook the possibility that he may have left children and that they may have been the unidentified children in the households of Justus and Benjamin Gifford.

The number of males in the household of Justus Gifford remained the same in 1800 as it had been in 1790, and no children were born in the interval. Therefore, we have not heeded the suggestion that the John Gifford who appeared separately in the 1800 census of Cambridge and who has not been identified be included in the family of Justus Gifford. In Welling, *They Were Here Too* (3:532), the John Gifford noted here was incorrectly called a son of Jonathan⁴ Gifford who died 7 November 1815, aged seventy-three, in Greenfield, Saratoga County. Neither the John Gifford of Cambridge (1800) nor George Gifford of Hannibal, Oswego County, husband of Mehitable Burch, has been identified.

Rensselaer County, New York, Guardianship Papers include in File 757 the case of Merrit Gifford, son of Alanson Gifford, deceased, of Rome, Oneida County, New York. On 5 February 1829 David Gifford and Consider Gifford signed the bond. David Gifford was appointed guardian for Merritt Gifford, son of Alanson Gifford, late of the town of Rome, Oneida County, New York. This leaves little doubt that the name Lansing used for the son of Justus Gifford was a corruption of the name Alanson.

Children:

- i. DAVID⁶, b. 15 Mar. 1775; d. town of Oswego, Oswego Co., N. Y., 14 Sept. 1853; m. POLLY SHRIEVE, b. 17 Jan. 1781, d. 28 Aug. 1845 "age 67y. 7m." (g.s. in a cemetery near Minetto in the town of Oswego). Children: 1. *Mordecai*, b. 18 Aug. 1803; d. 14 Aug. 1875 Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; m. Catherine ———. 2. *Consider*, b. 28 Feb. 1805; d. 1867 at Hannibal, N. Y.; m. (1) Ellen ———, d. 8 Mar. 1862, "age 51y. 16d."; (2) Emerancy A. Blodgett, a widow, d. 26 Feb. 1867. 3. *Seneca*, b. 5 Mar. 1807; m. Lucinda ———, b. ca. 1808. 4. *Calvin*, b. 12 June 1809; d. Granby, Oswego Co., in 1887; m. Elizabeth M. ———, b. ca. 1815. 5. *Alanson*, b. 4 May 1812;

- d. near Sandusky, Ohio, in 1857; m. Elizabeth ———, b. ca. 1829, perhaps a second wife. 6. *Sally*, b. 23 Oct. 1814; m. Lewis Stevens. 7. *Justus*, b. 18 Oct. 1817; m. Amanda Rogers, b. ca. 1825, lived in Hannibal, Granby, and Lysander (in 1892). 8. *William*, b. 3 Mar. 1820. 9. *Laura*, b. 1 Jan. 1823. William and Laura were not mentioned among David's heirs by Alanson Gifford in his petition of 17 Sept. 1853, on file in the Oswego County Surrogate Office. (The birth dates for David and his family are from the New York DAR, "Cemetery, Church, and Town Records" [283:1]. Death dates for David, Mordecai, Consider, Emerancy, Calvin, and Alanson are from records in the Surrogate Offices.)
- ii. MARY, b. ca. 1777 (Welling, *They Were Here Too*, 3:503 says she was b. 16 Dec., but the year is blurred in the old Burch Bible); d. 1805; m. as his first wife, INCREASE BURCH, JR. He m. (2) Rhoda Welling of Pittstown.
- iii. ALANSON, b. 1788; d. 29 Sept. 1822 "in the 35th yr." in Rome, N. Y.; m. 11 Dec. 1810 SARAH SHRIEVE. (The late Mrs. Franklin H. Briggs of Greenwich, N. Y., former Easton Town Historian and, after the death of Oren Wilbur, keeper of the Easton Friends Records, gave this date of marriage and the name of Alanson's wife from one of her many sources. She gave, also the name of David's wife, who had been called Polly Sherman by Welling in *They Were Here Too*. An account of the ministry of Alanson Gifford is given in *Minutes Taken at the Several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the Year 1823* [New York, 1840], 22.) He was licensed as a local preacher in 1812 and entered the itinerancy in 1818. He was assigned in turn in circuits in Herkimer, Canajoharie, Western, and Litchfield. His family home was in Rome. Known child: 1. *Merritt S.*, b. about 1813; m. Jane A. ———; lived in Rensselaer Co. until 1852 when he moved across the county line into Cambridge, where he appears in the 1855 mid-period census with five children. Information on additional children of this family may yet be found.

114. BENJAMIN⁵ GIFFORD (*Benjamin*⁴, *Jabez*³, *William*²⁻¹) was born 13 March 1758, and died 12 February 1821 "in his 63rd yr.," Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York. He was buried Millertown Cemetery, near Johnsonville, Town of Pittstown, New York.

He married about 1779, ESTHER CRANDALL, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Casey) Crandall, born 13 March 1753, South Kingston, Rhode Island, died 31 May 1846, "in her 94th yr." She is buried beside her husband (*ibid.*). In the Millertown Cemetery are also buried the sons Jeremiah⁶ and Robert⁶ and also Robert's wife Betsey.

This Benjamin Gifford is probably the one listed on page 241 of Roberts's *New York in the Revolution* as serving in the Dutchess County