

- 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

Militia 3rd Regiment (Land Bounty Rights). He served under Colonel Peter Yates (DAR Lineage Books, 66:332).

Benjamin Gifford appears at Cambridge, Albany County, New York, in the 1790 census as head of a household of two males over 16, two males under 16, and four females. (This tally seems to include an extra male over 16 in the family.) He does not appear separately in the 1800 census. In 1810 he is again listed in Cambridge (Washington County after 1791), with a family of one male 16 to 26, one male over 45, one female 16 to 26, one female over 45. Subsequently he moved across the county line into Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, where he died.

The will of Benjamin Gifford "of the town of Schaghticoke in the County of Rensselaer" was dated 27 January 1821 and proved 19 February 1821. He gave to his wife Esther "a lot of land lying about or nearly a mile south westerly from my dwelling house . . . of twenty acres." His son Robert was to move "the small dwelling house on my home farm" to this lot and put it in order for his widow. Robert was to provide such meat, grain, flax, firewood, etc., as she might require. Other bequests were to eldest daughter Abigail Crandall, \$20 to be paid in six months; to his son Elihu Wing Gifford, his spans of working horses and all his wearing apparel; to daughter Catherine Follett, \$100; to daughter Elizabeth Gifford, \$400 to be paid in installments over four years, also all his household furniture; to son Robert Gifford his homestead farm of about 156 acres and another lot of about 50 acres in Schaghticoke. Daughter Elizabeth and her heirs were to inherit the 20 acres set aside for the use of his wife. His six grandchildren (unnamed), the children of his son Jeremiah Gifford, deceased, were to be given one dollar each at lawful age. As executors he named his brother Elihu Gifford and Elihu's son Ira Gifford. Witnesses were Earl Durfee, Hugh Kennedy, and Elisha Baker.

Welling, *They Were Here Too* (504-507), includes some details concerning the descendants of Catherine^o, Jeremiah^o, Elizabeth^o, and Robert^o.

Children:

- i. ABIGAIL^o, b. ca. 1780; m. WILLIAM PITT CRANDALL, b. 31 Oct. 1777 Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y., d. 2 Feb. 1853 Portland, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. (See John C. Crandall, *Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island* [1949], 111, for other data on this family.)
- ii. ELIHU WING, b. 7 Mar. 1782; d. 9 July 1848 Hannibal, Oswego Co., N. Y.; m. 3 Mar. 1805 to POLLY CARLEY, b. 9 Mar. 1782 Columbia Co., N. Y., d. 15 Feb. 1868. They are buried in the Hannibal Center Cemetery. They removed from Schaghticoke to Hannibal about 1813. Children: 1. *Benjamin F.*, b. 28 Jan. 1806; d. 19 May 1883; m. (1) 19 Feb. 1835 Sophia McCray, d. 4 Aug. 1849; m. (2) 26 Dec. 1849 Mary Rice, b. ca. 1814 Conn. 2. *George S.*, b. 21 Feb. 1807; d. 2 Nov. 1893; m. 22

Feb. 1829 Harriet Mosher; removed in 1858 from Cayuga Co., N. Y., to Galesburg, Ill. 3. *Rebecca*, b. 8 May 1808; m. 8 Nov. 1827 Orson C. Chapman. They were in Summit Co., Oh. in 1848, but returned to Hannibal in 1850 only to move again to Noble Co., Ind. 4. *Abigail*, b. 28 June 1810; m. (1) 28 Dec. 1829 Lorin T. Austin, d. 11 Mar. 1842; m. (2) 16 Feb. 1845 Alanson Williams, d. 2 June 1849. 5. *Alexander*, b. 29 Feb. 1812; d. 7 Oct. 1813. 6. *Job*, b. 20 Sept. 1814; d. 4 Feb. 1863 (his gravestone in Dygert Cemetery, York Twp., Steuben Co., Ind., gives this record: "d. 4 Feb. 1864, in 51st yr."); m. in LaGrange Co., Ind., Hannah L. Trowbridge, b. 16 Aug. 1818, d. 26 May 1872 "age 53 y. 9 m. 10 d." They were in LaGrange, Ind. in 1848. 7. *Gurnee*, b. 28 May 1816; d. 6 June 1884; m. (1) 14 Dec. 1843 Ruhamah James, b. ca. 1814, d. 6 July 1858; m. (2) Mariah Fowler, a widow, b. ca. 1842, d. 1890. 8. *William P.*, b. 13 Apr. 1818; d. 3 June 1870; m. 5 Oct. 1847 Catherine James, b. ca. 1826, d. 28 June 1891 "age 64y. 6m." 9. *Robert*, b. 30 Mar. 1820; d. 6 May 1894; m. (1) 1 Jan. 1842 Mary E. Dennason, b. 20 May 1825, d. 25 May 1845; m. (2) 23 Aug. 1858 Ruth Wiltse, b. 17 July 1832, d. 18 Dec. 1893. (In 1859 the Bible of Robert⁷ Gifford, son of Elihu Wing⁶ Gifford was in the hands of Mrs. Lena (Gifford) Anthony of Hannibal, N. Y. She generously permitted the family record to be copied. This record includes the dates of birth, marriage, and death given here for the family of Elihu Wing Gifford. Dr. Hubert Andrew Arnold of Davis, Cal., descends through Job⁷ Gifford who moved to Ind. Dr. Arnold has contributed several details to this account of the family of Benjamin⁵ Gifford.) 10. *Galitzen*, b. 23 June 1822; d. 4 Nov. 1905; m. 4 Oct. 1848 Fanny B. Jones, b. ca. 1833, d. 1918.

- iii. CATHERINE, b. ca. 1784; m. ——— FOLLETT.
- iv. JEREMIAH, b. ca. 1786; d. 28 Jan. 1816 "in 30th yr."; m. ELIZABETH DARROW (DAR Lineage Books, 66:332).
- v. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1788; d. 29 July 1853 "in 65th yr."; m. as his second wife DANIEL WETSEL, b. ca. 1776, d. 26 Apr. 1848 "age 72 yrs." (Anna, "consort of Daniel Wetsel," d. 9 Mar. 1821, "in 49th yr.") The graves for Daniel Wetsel and his two wives are in the old Melrose Cemetery in the town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer Co. The stone for the second wife reads: "Elizabeth Gifford, wife of Daniel Wetsel, died July 29, 1853, in the 65th year of her age."
- vi. ROBERT, b. ca. 1790; d. 21 Oct. 1834 "age 44 yrs."; m. ELIZABETH SHERMAN, called "Betsey," b. 2 Sept. 1798, d. 16 Mar. 1887.

115. ELIHU⁵ GIFFORD (*Benjamin⁴, Jabez³, William²⁻¹*), was born 4 July 1761, and died Easton, Washington County, New York, 10 September 1846 "ae. 85yr. 2mo. 6d." (g.s. Gifford Burying Ground, on Haggerty Farm, thirteen miles south of Greenwich, New York. See *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 48:400).