

The will of Silas Gifford of Falmouth, yeoman, dated 28 May 1812, proved 7 June 1812, gives to wife Phebe \$400, indoor moveables and household furniture, except the clock. To his four sons: Prince, Edmund, Joseph and Silas, the remainder of the estate, except the clock which he gives to his daughter (unnamed in will). He appointed his friend Joseph Hatch sole executor. Witnessed by Joseph Hatch, Ezekiel (?Roberson), John Hatch, Jr. (Barnstable County Probate, 37:28, 29, hereafter BACP).

Children recorded to Silas and Phebe at Falmouth:

- i. PRINCE PALMER⁶, b. 29 June 1795; m. (1) 23 May 1830 DESIRE FULLER, d. 7 Mar. 1843; m. (2) TEMPERANCE (WEEKS) POTTER, dau. of William and Mary (Gifford) Weeks and widow of Nathaniel Potter.
- ii. EDMUND, living in 1812 when named in his father's will. Not further traced.
- iii. ALMIRA, b. 30 Dec. 1799; m. 20 July 1820 BRADDOCK BAKER (FATR). As she is the only known dau. it is evidently she who received the clock.
- iv. JOSEPH, b. 26 July 1803; d. 12 Jan. 1884 "ae. 80y. 5m. 17d." (g.s. Old Friends Burying Ground, West Falmouth; BACP, 2:540); m. 21 Jan. 1830 DOROTHEA BOWERMAN, d. 4 Dec. 1880 "ae. 70 yr. 1m. 23 das." (g.s.). See Dorothy Gifford (BACP, 3:19).
- v. SILAS (twin), b. 26 July 1803; d. 10 Mar. 1876 (g.s.); m. 2 Oct. 1828 REBECCA ANN ROBINSON, b. 25 Aug. 1808, d. 10 Dec. 1883.

121. AMASA⁵ GIFFORD (*Mordecai⁴, Melatiah³, William²⁻¹*) was born 25 February 1778, and died 16 February 1826. He is buried with his first wife in the Old Friends Burying Ground, West Falmouth.

He married first, 26 July 1807, SILVINA NYE (FATR), daughter of Colonel David Nye and Deborah (Nye) Nye, who was born 30 November 1778, and died 29 November 1821.

He married secondly, 28 February 1822, LYDIA (WEEKS) LANDERS, daughter of William and Mary (Gifford) Weeks, and widow of Robinson Landers, who was born 17 March 1784, and died 9 August 1846.

We find no record of Amasa Gifford as a grantee but by three deeds recorded 1825 and 1827 he sold land in Falmouth to Calvin and Joshua Bowerman (BACD, 1:527; 3:490; 21:28). No doubt he acquired his land by distribution from his father's intestate estate. He was a housewright.

He died intestate. We find the inventory taken by Prince Gifford, Jr., Daniel Bowerman and Daniel Swift dated 1 May 1826, recorded 16 May 1826. The homestead was valued at \$445; a woodlot of eleven acres, called Proprietors' Land, \$37.63; total real estate, \$611.63. The personal estate included carpenter's tools, farm and shoemaker's tools, a set of

silver spoons, etc., totalling \$207.07. The widow's allowance was \$207.07. A final entry reads: "Whereas Amasa Gifford late of Falmouth, housewright, deceased, lately died intestate." Stephen Dillingham of Falmouth, trader, was appointed administrator 14 March 1827. A guardian was appointed in 1831 for the minor children: Nathaniel N., David F., Thomas D., Hulda R., Sylvina N., and Martha B. (BACP, 15:47, 127; 39:130; 42:209; 45:272).

Children recorded in Falmouth to Amasa and Silvina:

- i. DEBORAH NYE^a, b. 29 Oct. 1808; m. 28 Nov. 1827 JAMES H. HATCH (*ibid.*), son of Benjamin Hatch.
- ii. MARTHA B., b. 8 Apr. 1811; d. 29 Apr. 1909; m. 15 May 1831 ANSEL S. HATCH (*ibid.*).
- iii. A SON, b. 3 June 1813; d. 3 Oct. 1813 "ae. 5m." (*ibid.*).
- iv. NATHANIEL NYE, b. 3 June 1814; d. 28 Apr. 1847.
- v. DAVID FOSTER, b. 10 Apr. 1816; d. 21 Feb. 1907; m. 5 Dec. 1837 CYNTHIA GREEN.
- vi. THOMAS DAVIS, b. 27 Aug. 1818; d. 2 Sept. 1892; m. 27 July 1841 REBECCA GREEN.

Children born to Amasa and second wife, Lydia:

- vii. SYLVINA NYE, b. 4 Mar. 1823; d. 23 Jan. 1907; m. 15 Mar. 1842 EDMOND CHADWICK HATCH, son of Ebenezer and Betsey (Chadwick) Hatch. This Sylvina Nye Gifford was the great-grandmother of Capt. Charles Allen Davis who has provided us with such a wealth of original data for this compilation. We are immensely indebted to him for the help he has given in research in the Falmouth Town Hall, the Barnstable Courthouse and elsewhere. Children, surname *Hatch*, born Falmouth: 1. *Ebenezer Amasa*, b. 19 Apr. 1844; d. 30 Nov. 1904; m. 26 Apr. 1871 Adelia Bartlett Clapp. 2. *Emerson Davis*, b. 23 Oct. 1847; d. 6 Apr. 1899; m. 3 Nov. 1873 Mary U. Jones. 3. *Howard Nelson*, b. 21 Mar. 1853; lost at sea 22 July 1869.
- viii. HULDA ROBINSON, b. 6 Mar. 1825; d. 23 June 1846; m. Nov. 1844 JAMES WINSLOW, son of Peleg and Rebecca Winslow, d. 1 Dec. 1898.

122. PRINCE⁵ GIFFORD (*George*⁴, *Melatih*³, *William*²⁻¹) was born 26 March 1770, and died 11 September 1845 "ae. 76y. 7m." (*Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1928], hereafter *NAVR*).

He married 7 August 1796 HANNAH CHADWICK, daughter of John and Lydia (Joy) Chadwick (*ibid.*).

Children recorded in Falmouth to Prince and Hannah:

- i. JOHN⁶, b. 26 Mar. 1799. Not further traced.
- ii. LYDIA, b. 11 Feb. 1801. Not further traced.
- iii. SHADRACK, b. 1 July 1803; m. 23 Nov. 1830 ELIZABETH WHEATLEY. He is called "of Falmouth" in *NAVR*.