

nephew (called "couzen") Gideon Gifford. By a deed of 1 November 1769 Hannah (Gifford) Shepherd, widow of Abner Shepherd of Dartmouth, conveys land there "to my brother Gideon Gifford." By deed of 13 August 1779 this Gideon Gifford paid eighty-seven pounds, ten shillings to his cousin Abiel Gifford, son of Peleg Gifford, for a tract of land in Dartmouth (BRCD, 11:289).

The census of 1790 shows Gideon Gifford at Dartmouth with one male over 16, and three females. The 1800 census shows him still at Dartmouth, with a family of one male 26 to 45, one over 45, and two females, 16 to 26 and 26 to 45.

Children from DAVR:

- i. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>, b. 13 June 1774; d. unm. 11 May 1847 "ae. 72y. 29d." (*ibid.*).
- ii. JOSEPH, b. 31 Aug. 1776; d. 1853; m. (1) 5 May 1799 APPHIA POTTER, b. 22 July 1777; d. 31 Jan. 1846 "ae. 68y. 6m. 9d."; m. (2) 21 Nov. 1847 ELIZA MACOMBER, dau. of Ephraim and Hannah Macomber, aged 41 in 1847. The will of Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 24 Mar. and proved 5 July 1853, gives: to wife Eliza M. Gifford, daughter Patience G. Potter, grandchildren Abby, Anna and Frederick S. Potter and to son-in-law Luthan Potter (Bristol County Probate, 99:481).
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 1 Oct. 1781; d. unm. 4 Oct. 1804.

A manuscript record gives the birth and death dates for this family group. The birth dates are confirmed by Dartmouth records. (See *Register*, 72 [1918]: 321.)

**128.** ICHABOD<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1742 and died after 13 March 1801 when he acknowledged a Dartmouth deed.

He married 25 December 1766 SARAH PETTIS, daughter of William Pettis of Dartmouth (*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1929-1930], 2:199, hereafter *DAVR*). The Dartmouth Town Records call them "both of Dartmouth."

By a deed of 10 October 1781 Benjamin Gifford, Sr., of Dartmouth, yeoman, conveyed for ninety pounds, "paid by my son Ichabod Gifford of Dartmouth, husbandman" a tract of land which the grantor had lately bought of Seth Huddleston, also a fifteen-acre tract nearby. Signed by mark and witnessed by Nathaniel Sowle, Joshua Tripp; acknowledged 24 August 1797; recorded 18 August 1798 (BRCD, 15:40). A deed of 16 February 1782 relates that Benjamin Gifford of Dartmouth for ninety pounds "paid by my son Ichabod Gifford" conveyed a further tract of some forty-three acres in Dartmouth, bounded northerly by "land I lately sold to my son James Gifford; westerly on land of my son William Gifford . . . said tract is part of the farm I lately bought of Seth Huddleston as

per deed may appear" (BRCD, 15:41). A deed dated 19 August 1790, not acknowledged until 13 March and recorded 28 December 1801, shows that Ichabod Gifford of Dartmouth sold for thirty pounds paid by Jonathan Gifford of the same town, a parcel of land bounded by Stephen Gifford, Joseph Sowle et al. Witnessed by Stephen Gifford and Eunice Smith (BRCD, 15:548). There is an interesting point about this deed. One might suppose that Ichabod was selling land to his brother Jonathan Gifford. But we know that the latter had been living for some years in North Carolina. We suspect, therefore, that the grantee was Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Gifford, son of Silas Gifford, a second cousin once removed.

The deed index shows that Ichabod Gifford recorded a deed in 1797 to Matthew Russell (BRCD, 15:464). A final deed, dated 8 August 1798, shows that Ichabod Gifford, Jr., of Dartmouth, sold for \$450 paid by William Gifford, also of Dartmouth, yeoman, some eighty-three acres "described by two several deeds of sale from Benjamin Gifford to Ichabod Gifford," bounded by land of James Gifford, Stephen Cornell and James Gifford, Jr. Signed by Ichabod Gifford, Sarah Gifford, James Gifford; acknowledged and recorded 18 August 1798 (BRCD, 15:42).

The 1790 census shows Ichabod Gifford as head of a Dartmouth family of one male over 16, two under 16 and two females. The 1800 census lists Ichabod Gifford at Westport, with a family of one male 10 to 16 and one over 45; one female 26 to 45.

#### Children recorded in Dartmouth to Ichabod and Sarah:

- i. JAMES<sup>6</sup>, b. 12 Aug. 1767; m. 27 Sept. 1789 ANNA REED. In the marriage record she is called "Mary" but the intention shows "Anner" and the children are recorded to "James and Anna" (DAVR). Did he m. (2) at Westport, 18 Apr. 1802 RHODA SISSON?
- ii. JEREMIAH, b. 8 Nov. 1773; m. 21 Aug. 1794 JUDITH REED.
- iii. ELISHA, b. 27 Mar. 1774; d. 12 Apr. 1774.
- iv. SARAH, b. 17 June 1775; d. 17 Nov. 1777.
- v. SARAH, b. 9 Apr. 1779; m. 27 Dec. 1798 REUBEN MOSHER of Westport.
- vi. ICHABOD, b. 7 Oct. 1789; m. (1) (int. 27 Nov. 1818) DIANA MOSHER "both of Dartmouth"; m. (2) 12 Aug. 1819 DIANA BEDON "both of Dartmouth" (Westport Town Records).

**129.** JONATHAN<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1744 and was said to have died in Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1793.

He married in Nantucket, 8 January 1767, EUNICE BEARD. He is called "s. Benjamin & Elizabeth of Dartmouth" and she "dau. Richard & Eunice of Sherborn" in the Nantucket Vital Records. She was born at Sherborn, Nantucket, and died after 4 February 1797. Her mother was Eunice Macy.

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