

Children by second wife, Experience:

- iv. WILLIAM, b. 13 July 1728. No further record.
- ? v. JOSEPH, birth not recorded. The Court appointed Ebenezer Hatch, Jr., 19 May 1742 as "guardian unto Joseph Gifford, a minor aged about 14 years, son to William Gifford, late of Falmouth, deceased." This could only refer to a son of this William Gifford since William³ Gifford (*William²⁻¹*) was living at this time. No further record.

12. YELVERTON³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 22 April 1676, died at North Kingstown, R.I., 31 March 1772.

He married at Jamestown, R.I., 28 Feb. 1714, ANN NORTHRUP.

The will of John² Gifford, dated 9 April 1708, gives land in Connecticut to this son Yelverton Gifford. The location of the legacy is found through the following deed:

Yelverton Gifford, son of John Gifford, late of the town of Sandwich . . . now deceased, for £20 paid by John Watson of Plymouth, convey my tract of land lying on the east side of Connecticut River within the Colony of Connecticut . . . which was given to me by the sd John Gifford, my father, by his Last Will . . . dated 9 April 1708 . . . it being all the land which sd John Gifford did purchase from my uncle William More of Windham in the sd colony, as per deed of 3 June 1702 . . . 20 March 1713/14 (Windham Deeds E:354; see also Ransom, *op. cit.*, 43).

The will of Yelverton Gifford of North Kingstown, proved in May 1772, gives to his "grandsons, the children of my son John Gifford . . . grand daughter Martha Sherman. . . . To my daughters: Ann Congdon, Elizabeth Davis and Hannah, wife of Joseph Arnold . . . my grandsons Peleg and John Gifford . . . my grand daughter Abigail Watson . . . my grandson Josiah Gifford" (taken from an abstract supplied by Mrs. Elva Collins Thoeming of Morris, Ill.).

Children recorded in North Kingstown, R.I. (Town Records):

- i. ANN⁴, b. 5 June 1715; d. North Kingstown, R.I., 3 Feb. 1795; mar. 30 Mar. 1732 WILLIAM CONGDON, b. 6 Nov. 1711, d. 14 Oct. 1755; fourteen children.
- ii. PATIENCE, b. 9 Feb. 1716; mar. North Kingstown 23 Nov. 1732, Joseph Arnold.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 25 — 1719; mar. (1) JOSEPH WEIGHT (2) WILLIAM DAVIS
- iv. ABIGAIL.
- v. HANNAH; mar. 30 Aug. 1737, Joseph Arnold, widower of her sister Patience.
- 40. vi. JOHN, b. ca. 1728.

13. JOSIAH³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 27 February 1681/2, was living at Falmouth in 1733. No probates have been found.

He married 11 March 1714/15, MERCY CHADWICK who has not been identified. They were both of Sandwich (Sandwich Town Records, 1:52).

Josiah Gifford must have had above average ability since, although he was the youngest son, his father made him sole executor of his will in 1708. He was named coexecutor, also, of the will of his brother William³ Gifford. Doubtless the Barnstable deed records would have filled out the picture here if they had not been destroyed in the 1827 fire. At his son's marriage in 1742, the Sandwich Friends Monthly Meeting records name the parents as Josiah and Mercy Gifford. It

was usual to indicate if the parents were deceased which implies that both were living in that year.

Children recorded to Josiah and Mercy Gifford (Sandwich Town Records):

- i. RHODA⁴, b. 17 Feb. 1715/16; said to have d. aged 93; mar. ca. 1736, SILAS GIFFORD (#33) *q.v.*
41. ii. JOHN, b. 2 May 1717.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. 8 Oct. 1718; mar. 26 June 1746, JOHN LANDERS (see THE REGISTER, 124:215). Five children.
42. iv. SAMUEL, b. 10 Feb. 1720/21.
43. v. CHRISTOPHER, b. 22 Nov. 1722.
- vi. HANNAH, b. 29 Jan. 1726/7; mar. 11 Dec. 1755, BARNABAS⁴ HOXIE. Eight children (see L. R. Hoxie, *The Hoxie Family* [1930], 11).
44. vii. BENJAMIN, b. 14 June 1732.

14. WILLIAM³ GIFFORD¹, the eldest son of Hananiah² and Elizabeth Gifford, was born ca. 1675, certainly at Long Branch, and died, probably in April 1723, on the Manasquan River, Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, N.J., intestate.

He married at least twice, but the identity of his two known wives remains to be established. Margaret Gifford joined with her husband to release her dower interest when William³ Gifford conveyed land on the north side of the Manasquan River to his brothers Joseph and John Gifford on 13 February 1709/10 (see THE REGISTER, 128[1974]: 254).

On 8 April 1723, an inventory was filed in the estate of William Giford [*sic*], deceased, and on 13 May 1723, Sary, widow, and William Giffard [*sic*], son declined to administer the estate and petitioned that Jno. Paintard be appointed Administrator (*New Jersey Archives*, 23: 184, hereafter *NJA*).

Probable children of William and Margaret Gifford:

- i. WILLIAM⁴, b. ca. 1705 at Manasquan River; possibly the husband of HANNAH (KILMISTER?) ASHMORE, widow of John Ashmore of Hunterdon County, N.J., per Governor's License dated 8 May 1727 (*ibid.*, 22:156) and also possibly the father or the same as William Gifford a 1773 householder of Deerfield Township, Cumberland County, N.J. (*Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, 16:71, hereafter *GMNJ*). William Gifford is almost certainly identifiable as the William Gifford of Little Egg Harbor, Burlington County, N.J., who on 16 May 1734 obtained a Governor's License to marry CATHERINE TAYLOR (*NJA*, 22:156). He was described as "formerly of Manasquan but now of Egg Harbor" and as the "undoubted heir of Hananiah² Gifford" in a deed to his brother Benoni Gifford *et al.*, dated 3 March 1739/40 and recorded in the Office of the Proprietors for the Eastern Division of New Jersey at Perth Amboy, N.J., in Book AB at page 16. William and Catherine (Taylor) Gifford were probably the parents of both Jonathan⁵ Giffard of Burlington County, N.J. (ca. 1739-1825), a Quaker or Quaker convert who married Hannah Jennings in Little Egg Harbor Friends Meeting on 10 Dec. 1759 (cf. Blackman, *History of Little Egg Harbor Township*, 351); and Benjamin⁵ Gifford of Gloucester County, N.J. (ca. 1745-1799), who mar. Mary Johnston by Governor's License dated 16 June 1774 (*NJA*, 22:156), and who served as a private in the Gloucester County Militia.
- ii. BENONI⁴, probably also known as Benjamin⁴ Gifford [Genesis 35:18 "As her (Rachel's) soul was departing her—for she was at the point of