

- viii. STEPHEN, b. ca. 1782.
- ix. A DAU., b. ca. 1786; m. ? ——— PHILLIPS.
- x. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1789; m. at Dartmouth, 24 Sept. 1812
CULBERT BOOTH.

139. STEPHEN⁵ GIFFORD (*Hananiah⁴, Stephen³, Robert², William¹*) was born perhaps at Freetown, about 1738, and died before 4 January 1784, the date of his father's will.

The Tiverton Vital Records shows the marriage of a Stephen Gifford "of Awakiah" August 1775 to PHEBE COOK "of John" by Walter Cook, justice. Unless Awakiah was a local place-name this suggests that Stephen Gifford's father's name was misunderstood by the clerk. Or perhaps the writing was too bad to be deciphered. To support this hypothesis we had correspondence with the late Bertha W. Clark some years ago in which she noted that the Tiverton Probates show that the Town Council, 5 December 1791, appointed Ananias Gifford administrator "of the estate of Jonathan Gifford, his grandson and son of his son Stephen, dec'd." We have not seen the original entry but Miss Clark was a careful searcher and very familiar with the original records of that area. Although the will of Ananias Gifford names only two grandsons, Joseph and Silas, we suggest the possibility that these two were minors and that an older brother, or half brother, Jonathan, had received his share of his deceased father's estate before 1784.

The records show that Stephen⁵ Gifford was survived by a widow Rebecca who may or may not have been a second wife.

Children, known from their grandfather's will:

- i. JONATHAN⁶, d. intestate and probably *s.p.* before 5 Dec. 1791.
- ii. JOSEPH, living 4 Jan. 1784 when named in his grandfather's will.
- iii. SILAS, living in 1784 when named in his grandfather's will. We believe that this is the Silas Gifford shown as Henry E. Gifford's Branch No. 12 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy* [1896], 78, hereafter HEG). HEG shows four children: Nancy, Paul, Warren, and Ruby, b. 10 Mar. 1807, d. 1819. He found neither the name of a wife nor date of a marriage. The *Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts . . .* ([Boston, 1929-1930], hereafter *DAVR*) show Silas Gifford "of Tiverton, R. I." m. 13 Dec. 1795 RUBY SHERMAN "of Dartmouth." Also, children born to Silas and Ruby: 1. *William*, b. Feb. 1798. 2. *Nancy*, b. 12 Dec. 1800; m. (int. 17 June 1819) Isaac H. Gibbs. 3. *Amy*, b. 2 Dec. 1802. 4. *Warren*, b. 22 Dec. 1804. 5. *Ruby*, b. 10 Mar. 1807; d. 1819 (per HEG—death not found in *DAVR*). HEG adds 6. *Paul*, m. Jane Davis Ryder and notes that "three children of Silas Gifford d. young." HEG shows his Branch No. 13 Ananias Gifford "lived No. Wpt." and had 5 children: Benjamin, Recompense, Abigail, May, and Kezia. It is possible that Ananias was another son of Stephen⁵ Gifford but we believe not.