

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

death—she named him Benoni, but his father called him Benjamin.” The Hebrew name “Ben Oni” translates as “Son of my affliction (sorrow).”], was b. ca. 1710 at Manasquan River. By deed dated 3 March 1739/40 Benoni⁴ Gifford *et. al.* acquired from his brother William all the grantor’s right to several dividends due with respect to the land acquired by Hananiah² Gifford on 7 Sept. 1688 from Francis Jeffrey (East New Jersey Proprietor’s Minutes, 1725-44, 2:95). It seems likely that Benoni⁴ Gifford can be identified as Benjamin Gifford, the 1748 Shrewsbury freeholder probably of Dover Township, Monmouth (later Ocean) County, N.J., and the father of William⁵ Gifford of Dover (Tom’s River) whose cattle mark was registered 1794, and who died in 1800, intestate.

Probable children of William³ and Sarah Gifford:

- iii. ABRAHAM⁴, b. ca. 1714 at Manasquan River; d. after 10 March 1790, probably in Howell Township (formerly Shrewsbury), Monmouth County, N.J. On 1 Aug. 1741 Abraham Gifford, tailor of Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, obtained a Governor’s License to marry KATHARINE LINCHE (*NJA*, 22:156); they were probably the parents of *Esther Gifford* who mar. Daniel Littleton Ketcham by Governor’s License dated 14 July 1760 (*ibid.*, 22:164). *William Gifford* who on 11 February 1763 obtained a Governor’s License to marry Margaret Miers (*ibid.*, 22:156), Daniel Littleton Ketcham being bondsman, and *Abraham Gifford* of Burlington County, N.J., who on 16 Oct. 1771 obtained a Governor’s License to marry KATHARINE FURY (FUERE?) (*ibid.*, 22:156), who in 1773/4 was a householder in Little Egg Harbor Township of Burlington County, N.J., and who was listed on the roll dated 5 Oct. 1776 as a private in Capt. Isaac Andrews’ Little Egg Harbor Company of the Burlington County Militia. Abraham⁴ Gifford witnessed the 19 Feb. 1772 will of Lewis Michel (*NJA*, 34:344) and in 1790 resided on the Manasquan River (see the 10 Mar. 1790 will of Samuel Leonard of Shrewsbury, devising 30 acres of land on the Manasquan River “joining David Ketcham and Abraham Gifford”; *ibid.*, 36:136).
- iv. JOSHUA⁴, b. ca. 1718 at Manasquan River; d. ca. February 1793, presumably at Shark River, Shrewsbury Township, Monmouth County, N.J.; mar. per Governor’s License dated 5 Apr. 1740, HANNAH DEAN (*ibid.*, 22:156). He was assessed as a freeholder in Shrewsbury in 1748 (*GMNJ*, 17:40); resided at Shark River in 1750 when he, his wife, and children, *Anne⁵*, *William⁵*, and *Joseph⁵ Gifford*, joined Christ Church, Shrewsbury, with their son *Annaniah⁵* being subsequently baptized 24 Sept. 1750 (*Stillwell*, 1:173). Joshua Gifford’s will, dated 21 Dec. 1790 and proved 27 Feb. 1793, names his wife Hannah, daughter Anne Davis, and sons William, Joseph, and Annaniah Gifford (*NJA*, 37:147).

15. JOSEPH³ GIFFORD, the second son of Hananiah² and Elizabeth Gifford, was born ca. 1677, certainly at Long Branch, and died probably at Manasquan prior to 1748, as he was not listed in that year as a freeholder in Shrewsbury Township.

The given name of his wife was HOPE but she has not been further identified.

Described as the son and heir of Elizabeth Green[e] when on 6 June 1730 he was appointed administrator of her estate, Joseph Gifford is thought to have inherited land in Squan from his mother, as in 1731 he and his wife Hope conveyed to William Jeffrey the land on the north side of Manasquan River which he had acquired from his brother William in 1709/10 (Monmouth Deeds Liber H, p. 81). On 9 September 1734, Joseph Gifford and William Goodbody inventoried