

(*ibid.*, 14:95). By a deed of 15 March 1807 James Gifford, yeoman, of Dartmouth, conveyed for \$1,030 to Lemuel and Josher Mosher, yeoman, of Dartmouth, land in Dartmouth with all the buildings, "beginning at the Southwest corner by the highway that leads from Smith's mills to Hicks Meeting House." James and his wife Elizabeth both signed (*ibid.*, 18:204).

James Gifford applied for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War 30 July 1833, stating that he enlisted at Fall River but that he had lived in Dartmouth since the Revolution. He gave his age as seventy-four at the date of application.

The 1790 census for Dartmouth shows James Gifford with a family of one male over 16, one under 16, and two females. In 1800 the family consisted of one male under 10 and one over 45; one female between 16 and 26, and one over 45. These ages are obviously in error since James would have been only 41, and George would have been 12. James and his wife were alone by 1810.

Children, recorded at Dartmouth:

- i. ZERVIAH⁶, b. 11 Dec. 1785.
- ii. GEORGE, b. 10 Nov. 1788; d. in 1864; m. (1) at Dartmouth, 8 Nov. 1807 JUDITH MAXWELL; m. (2) 21 Jan. 1816 MARY RIDER. Administration on his estate was given in 1864 to George A. Cornell. Children (from the administration accounts): 1. Mary⁷, living in 1864. 2. Judith M., m. 29 May 1842 George A. Cornell (*Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1932]). 3. Sophia, m. int. at Dartmouth, 13 Sept. 1845 Joshua Winslow. 4. Elizabeth, m. at New Bedford, 17 May 1846 George Lindsey, "bachelor, ae. 26, son Woodbridge & Hannah." 5. Lydia A., m. at Dartmouth, 13 Apr. 1845 Henry⁶ Gifford, b. 1823, son of Stephen and Phebe (Washburn) Gifford.

143. STEPHEN⁵ GIFFORD (*Benjamin⁴, Stephen³, Robert², William¹*) was born at Freetown, 5 February 1762 and died after the date of the 1810 census when he was still living at Freetown.

He married first, 17 December 1785 ESTHER BOOMER of Dartmouth (Andrews, *A Sketch of Elder Daniel Hix*, which gives the date as 7 December 1785).

He married secondly at Dartmouth, 28 June 1792 MARGARET JAMES of Tiverton. At this time he is called "of Westport."

The 1790 census lists Stephen Gifford "2d" at Westport with three males over 16, two under 16, and one female. In 1800 the family consists of two males under 10, two between 26 and 45, and one female. Ten years later there is one male between 10 and 16, one over 45, and one female. Only one male child has been identified as his son. Since Elder Hix's records show that he performed both of his marriages it is probable that he had joined the Baptist Church.

We have found a number of deeds for his second cousin Stephen Gifford of Dartmouth, son of Job¹, but a thorough search of the deeds and probates of Bristol County is needed to learn more about this family group.

We have found no record of children by the first wife, Esther, although the census records suggest that she may have had issue.

Known child of Stephen and Margaret born at Westport:

- i. JOHN THURSTON⁶, b. 6 Jan. 1798; m. 12 Dec. 1817 ELIZABETH BORDEN. Issue.

144. GEORGE⁵ GIFFORD (*Benjamin⁴, Stephen³, Robert², William¹*) was born at Freetown, 17 February 1772 and died at Westport, 9 June 1849 "ae. 77y. 4m." (*WEVR*).

He married first, at Tiverton, 22 January 1792 ELIZABETH WOODLE, daughter of Gershom Woodle/Woddell of Tiverton (Tiverton Vital Records), who died, possibly in childbirth, before 10 October 1793.

He married secondly, intention 10 October 1793, SUSANNA SHEARMAN, daughter of Sampson Sherman (*WEVR*).

He married thirdly, 23 September 1819 RUTH CRAPO "of Freetown" (*DAVR*), who died at Freetown, February 1827 (Town Records). According to the *Wodell Family* she was a widow, born Ruth Cottle.

George Gifford married fourthly, 26 July 1828 MERCY BULLOCK of Dartmouth, daughter of David and Phebe (*ibid.*), who died at Westport, 28 July 1848 ae. 63y. 9m. 10d. (*WEVR*).

It is alleged that George Gifford spent some time in Grafton, New Hampshire, and there is said to be evidence that his son Stephen Borden Gifford left descendants there.

The will of George Gifford of Westport dated, 6 June 1842, proved 5 October 1849, gives: "To my loving wife Mercy Gifford my half of the house I own with William Gifford in Fall River Village and lying on Pleasant Street. . . . To my son Stephen B. Gifford . . . To my daughter Caroline S. Crapo . . . To my daughter Eliza Thurston . . ." (Bristol County Probates, 94:218).

The families listed to George Gifford in 1800 and 1810 censuses are in harmony with his known children.

Children, recorded in Westport:

- i. ELIZABETH⁶, b. 27 May 1792, "ch. George (s. Benjamin) and Elizabeth (d. Gershom Woodle of Tiverton)"; living 6 June 1842 when named in her father's will; m. at New Bedford, 12 June 1814 SAMUEL THURSTON.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. 8 Feb. 1794, "ch. George (s. Benjamin) and Susanah" (*WEVR*); m. int. at Westport, 7 Jan. 1814 DEBORAH FREELove "of Troy."
- iii. CHARLES, b. 4 Sept. 1799, "ch. George (s. Benjamin) and