

Susanah"; *d.s.p.* at Fort Mahon, U. S. Naval Service, 2 Aug. 1828.

- iv. STEPHEN BORDEN, b. 8 Feb. 1811; living 6 June 1842, the date of his father's will. It is said that he married three times.
- v. CAROLINE M. S., b. 3 Aug. 1820, "child George & Ruth"; m. at Westport, 23 Aug. 1839 JACOB CRAPO.

145. WILLIAM⁵ GIFFORD (*Recompense*⁴, *Stephen*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born November 1754 and died in Champaign County, Ohio, shortly before 2 September 1841.

He married (according to his pension record) at Lyme, Connecticut, in April 1780 SUSANNA BROWN, who died before 31 August 1838.

William Gifford applied for a Revolutionary War pension 30 August 1832, at which time he was living in Westport, Massachusetts. He deposed that he was then "aged 77 in November last." By 23 October 1838 he was living in Champaign County; his wife had died before that date. The folder for Pension S-2236 shows that he was dead before 2 September 1841.

The puzzle of sorting out this family group is made more confusing by the fact that Eli Wodell in his *Wodell Family* stated that William Gifford "probably" married Mehitable Wilkey, and he lists the following children: Jedidah (sic), John, William, Daniel, Hix, Moses, Sarah, and Artesia. The late Harriet Scofield of the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, replied to our inquiry, 2 March 1960: "I do not find the marriage of any of these children in Champaign County abstracts, and I do not find them in cemetery records of Champaign County which we have, as far as I can identify them." *The History of Champaign County, Ohio* (n.p., 1917), by Judge Evan P. Middleton, gives a sketch of a George Howland Gifford, alleged son of Daniel and Catherine (Wing) Gifford and grandson of William and Susanna (Brown) Gifford. In Volume 2, page 282, Middleton lists the purported children of William and Susanna (Brown) Gifford: Jedidiah, John, George, William, Sarah, Ruth, Artsy, Hicks, and Jason. This list must be considered tentative, subject to further search for confirmation. It is to be noted that the list of alleged children given by Wodell may be the children of William⁶ Gifford who married a Hitty (i.e., Mehitable) Wilkey.

Although his father lived in Tiverton, Rhode Island, William Gifford seems to have moved to Westport before the date of the 1790 census. We find him there as head of a household with one male over 16, three under 16, and three females. We believe that it is this William who in 1800 was head of a household of two males under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one aged 45 and up. Also in the family were two females—one between 16 and 26 and one 45 and up. The 1810 census shows a William Gifford with one male between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one over 45; females one between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one over 45.

Children, given by Middleton:

- i. JEDIDIAH⁶, b. ca. 1781. Elder Hix baptized a "Jediah" Gifford 13 June 1794. We do not know whether it was male or female. The name Jedidiah is given to boys, Jedidah, to girls. No further record.
- ii. JOHN, b. possibly ca. 1783. No further record.
- iii. GEORGE, b. possibly ca. 1785. No further record.
- iv. WILLIAM, b. possibly ca. 1787; his father's pension record shows that he was living in 1841; ?m. at Westport (int. 1 May 1819) "HITTY" WILKEY. It may be his children who are listed by Wodell.
- v. SARAH, b. possibly ca. 1789. *DAVR* list two marriages for a woman of this name.
- vi. RUTH, b. ca. 1791. *DAVR* list two marriages for a woman of this name.
- vii. ARTSY (ARTESIA, ARTSEY), b. possibly ca. 1793; ?m. at New Bedford, 20 Dec. 1838 GEORGE HICKS.
- viii. HICKS, b. possibly ca. 1795. A Hicks Gifford m. 30 Nov. 1815 NANCY JONES (Rev. Stephen Gano's marriages, in Arnold, *Vital Records of Rhode Island*, Vol. 7 [Providence, 1895]).
- ix. JASON, b. possibly ca. 1797. No further record.

146. JOHN⁵ GIFFORD (*Recompense*¹, *Stephen*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born about 1756 and died probably at Dartmouth about 1833. HEG supposed that this man was born about 1747, but we believe that he was younger than his brother William.

He married at Dartmouth, 18 September 1777 ISABEL MILK, daughter of David and Rebecca (Lawton) Milk of Dartmouth, who was born about 1755 and died at Westport, 6 August 1846 "ae. 93 y." She is buried in the Gifford and Richmond private burying ground at Westport, Massachusetts.

John Gifford served as a private from Dartmouth during the Revolution, and the *DAR Lineage Book* ([Washington, D. C., 1924], 75:135) lists him with the rank of sergeant in 1776.

By a deed of 5 March 1792 Henry Smith of Dartmouth conveyed for £9 paid by John Gifford, also of Dartmouth, cordwainer, a lot of land in Dartmouth of one-and-three-quarters acres (BRCD, 13:153).

The following deeds suggest family relationships: one, dated 4 January 1807, shows that Lemuel Milk and Mary, his wife, Job Milk and Phebe, his wife, George Brownell and Rhoda, his wife, Benjamin Brownell, Jr., and Abigail, his wife, all of Westport, with Samuel Fowler and Elizabeth, his wife of Cambridge, Washington County, New York, and Patience Devel of Hebron, New York, conveyed for \$240 about four acres of land in Westport to Abner Devel and John Gifford, both of Westport (BRCD, 25:320). A deed of 4 February 1808 shows that John Gifford of Westport sold to Daniel Tripp of Westport for \$525 a tract of land in Westport (*ibid.*, 18:498). A third deed, dated 9 October 1813, shows a con-