

WILLIAM¹ GIFFORD OF SANDWICH, MASS.
(D. 1687)

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147. SAMUEL⁵ GIFFORD (*Daniel*⁴, *Timothy*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born 1 February 1756 and died 15 April 1827 (*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts . . .* [Boston, 1929], hereafter *DAVR*).

He married at Dartmouth, 11 March 1778 LILLIS MACOMBER, daughter of Zebedee and Elizabeth (Cornell) Macomber of Dartmouth, who was born 17 June 1761 and died 11 February 1827 (*ibid.*).

Samuel Gifford is listed in the 1790 census as head of a family at Dartmouth with one male under 16, two over 16, and five females. In 1800 the family group consisted of one male under 10, two between 16 and 26, one over 45; one female between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one over 45. In 1810, he, his wife, and one son between 16 and 26 remain at home.

The will of Daniel Gifford, dated 13 October 1792, gives to this son Samuel all his real estate, most of the rest of the estate, directs that he care for his mother, and makes him sole executor. He names "my grandsons, Zebedee and Pardon Gifford," who were to receive "my desk, equally between them" (Bristol County Probate, 34:439, hereafter *BRCP*). The will of Benjamin Howland, dated 13 April 1796, names his granddaughter Abigail Howland, and directs that "her inheritance be overseen by my kinsman Samuel Gifford and his wife Lillis." Evidently this was a brother of Anne (Howland) Gifford, Samuel's mother.

The will of Samuel Gifford, yeoman, of Dartmouth, dated 19 May 1825, proved 21 July 1827, gives:

To my beloved wife Lillies . . . all my silver plate during her widowhood . . . the use of the store room . . . and sufficient chamber room in my dwelling house; the use of my chaise and my horse and a companion to go with her at any time she shall want to go . . . ten dollars yearly and a good and comfortable support to be provided by my executor. To my son Zebedee Gifford one dollar. To my son Pardon Gifford one dollar. To my two daughters, Mehitable Slocum, wife of Caleb Slocum, and Eliza Smith, wife of Holder Smith, household goods and furniture that remains at the decease of their mother. To my son Leonard Gifford, all the residue and remainder of real and personal Estate.

He named his son Leonard sole executor (*BRCP*, 65:206).

Children, recorded to Samuel and Lillis at Dartmouth:

- i. MEHITABLE⁶, b. 30 Jan. 1779; m. at Dartmouth, 21 Mar. 1795
CALEB SLOCUM.

- ii. ZEBEDEE, b. 14 Nov. 1780; d. 16 Apr. 1848 "ae. 67y. 3m., son Samuel & Lillis" (*DAVR*); m. 4 Nov. 1801 RACHEL SLOCUM, dau. of Elihu and Sarah (*ibid.*).
- iii. PARDON, b. 11 July 1783; d. 13 Oct. 1847 "suddenly, ae. 64y. 3m., son Samuel & Lillis" (*ibid.*); m. 8 Mar. 1809 CATHERINE WING, dau. of John and Mercy, of Dartmouth.
- iv. ELIZA, b. 14 May 1789; m. at Dartmouth, 27 Jan. 1808 HOLDER SMITH, son of George and Mary of Dartmouth.
- v. LEONARD, b. 4 Nov. 1792; d. 20 July 1843 aged 50; m. at Dartmouth, 30 Mar. 1819 ANN WHITE. Data on this family is given in *Vineland Historical Magazine*, 3(1918):32, but there this Samuel Gifford is called son of Peleg and Alice (Cornell) Gifford. Members of Leonard Gifford's family moved to Vineland, N.J.

148. JONATHAN⁵ GIFFORD (*Robert⁴, Timothy³, Robert², William¹*) was born at Dartmouth, 26 March 1767 and died there, testate, 4 August 1842 "ae. 75" (*DAVR*).

Jonathan Gifford "of Westport" published his intention of marriage at Dartmouth, 18 June 1795, and at Westport, 20 June 1795, to SARAH ALLEN "of Dartmouth."

The will of his grandfather Timothy Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 29 June 1773, gives: "To my grandson Jonathan Gifford, son of my son Robert, late deceased, the remainder of my land bought of Jonathan Slocum." This was part of the inherited land in that part of Dartmouth which was set off as the new town of Westport in 1787.

By a deed recorded 26 March 1794, "Judah, Eddy [*sic*], Hannah, Rhoda, and Desire Gifford, all single women, Jonathan Gifford, yeoman, and Warren Gifford, yeoman, all of Westport" conveyed for £215 2s. paid by Barney Hicks of Westport, yeoman, sixty acres of land on Horse Neck, Westport (Bristol County Deeds, 13:233, hereafter BRCD). This was also part of the land set off from Dartmouth.

In the 1800 census Jonathan Gifford is listed at Westport as head of a household with two males under 10, one between 26 and 45, one female under 10, and one between 26 and 45. His mother "Merium" and brother Warren are listed nearby.

The will of Jonathan Gifford of Westport, dated 18 May 1838 and proved 14 October 1842, names his wife Sarah, his son Allen, his son George, and his daughters Sarah, wife of John A. Gifford, and Judith, wife of Elkanah Wodell. He gives, also, to the children of his deceased daughter Mercy who had married Edmund Gifford, and Paul Jones Gifford (BRCP, 84:415).

Henry E. Gifford in the *Gifford Genealogy* (1896, hereafter HEG) lists six children without birthdates and includes the names of the six spouses without dates of marriage. We can find record of the birth of George in *DAVR*, but the parents are not given. Oddly, the marriage of the daughter Susan is listed with the parents' names although she, alone, is