

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 Benoni<sup>4</sup> Gifford *et. al.* acquired from his brother William all the grantor’s right to several dividends due with respect to the land acquired by Hananiah<sup>2</sup> Gifford on 7 Sept. 1688 from Francis Jeffrey (East New Jersey Proprietor’s Minutes, 1725-44, 2:95). It seems likely that Benoni<sup>4</sup> 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 William<sup>5</sup> Gifford of Dover (Tom’s River) whose cattle mark was registered 1794, and who died in 1800, intestate.

Probable children of William<sup>3</sup> and Sarah Gifford:

- iii. ABRAHAM<sup>4</sup>, 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. Abraham<sup>4</sup> 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. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup>, 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, *Anne<sup>5</sup>*, *William<sup>5</sup>*, and *Joseph<sup>5</sup> Gifford*, joined Christ Church, Shrewsbury, with their son *Annaniah<sup>5</sup>* 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. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD, the second son of Hananiah<sup>2</sup> 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

the estate of Nathaniel Bills, Junr., of Monmouth (*NJA*, 30:46) and on 15 August 1743, Joseph Gifford witnessed the will of Anthony Pintard (Paintard), the coadministrator of the estate of his brother William Gifford (*ibid.*, 32:254). No later record has been found.

Probable children of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Hope Gifford:

- i. ANANIAH<sup>4</sup>, b. 10 Mar. 1703/4, probably on the Manasquan River; mar. 27 Jan. 1733/4 MARY HALSTEAD and had children, *Amos*<sup>5</sup>, *Annaniah*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>5</sup>, *Hannah*<sup>5</sup>, and *Sarah*<sup>5</sup> Gifford. Listed in 1748 as a freeholder in Shrewsbury Township of Monmouth County (*GMNJ*, 17:40). No further record has been found.
- ii. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, b. ca. 1706, probably on the Manasquan River; removed to New Brunswick, Somerset County, N.J., prior to 3 Dec. 1752 when his daughter *Anne* was baptized into Christ Church, Shrewsbury, at his house in New Brunswick (*Stillwell*, 1:178). On 12 Jan. 1756 Joseph Gifford witnessed the will of Peter Pomyea of Somerset County, cooper, and on 23 Oct. 1756 inventoried his estate (*NJA*, 32:255). On 29 May 1759 Joseph Gifford inventoried the estate of William Wood, innkeeper (*ibid.*, 32:366), and on 14 June 1765 he was described as an abutting landowner in a deed conveying a 15 acre lot in New Brunswick to David Nevius of Somerset County (*Somerset County* [N.J.] *Historical Quarterly*, 7:185). By 1766 Joseph Gifford was the proprietor of a tavern at Six Mile Run, Franklin Township, Somerset County (*ibid.*, 4:110; 5:260). Although he was still proprietor of the tavern when it was occupied by British troops during the Revolutionary War, no other later record or probate has been found. Some Giffords apparently remained in Somerset County, N.J., however, as in 1806 a Mr. Gifford was listed as a slaveowner in Montgomery Township (*ibid.*, 6:201), and on 29 Jan. 1809 Sally Gifford and Jack Schenck were married by Judge Bent (*ibid.*, 8:195). Other presumed descendants probably moved West; in 1812 and 1814 a Joseph Gifford resided in Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (*Ohio Genealogical Quarterly*, 1:32, 82).

16. JOHN<sup>3</sup> GIFFORD, the third son of Hananiah<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth Gifford, was born ca. 1679, certainly at Long Branch, and died probably at Manasquan River prior to 1748, as he was not listed in that year as a freeholder in Shrewsbury Township.

He may have married MARY CAMMICK, eldest daughter of Nathaniel Cammick of Manasquan whose 29 August 1710 will names his daughter Mary Gifford (*NJA*, 23:80). At that time, William<sup>3</sup> Gifford's wife was named Margaret, and in 1731 Joseph<sup>3</sup> Gifford's wife was named Hope.

John Gifford, together with his brother Joseph Gifford and Samuel Dennis, Jr., witnessed the 11 November 1709 deed by which Richard Stout conveyed land at Manasquan River to his loving son Richard Stout, Jr., carpenter of Barnegat, who owned land on the beach adjoining Annaniah Gifford's (*Stillwell*, 4:319-20). John Gifford acquired a share of the Manasquan River tract of which Hananiah<sup>2</sup> Gifford died seized, by deed from his brother William Gifford dated 13 Feb. 1709/10 (recorded in Trenton Deeds, Book I, p. 484). On 5 September 1730, as John "Gilford," he was appointed coadministrator of the estate of Samuel Rogers of Manasquan (*NJA*, 23:393). No further record has been found.

Probable children of John and Mary Gifford: