

Booth, Patience Davis (Thomas Almy, agent); Edmund Gifford, Mehitable Gifford, Martha Gifford (Thomas Almy, guardian); Susannah Gifford, Mary Gifford, Rufus Gifford; Phillip Allen by Thomas Almy, his agent (BRCD, 20:273).

At the date of the 1790 census Nathaniel Gifford was probably living in his father's household. In 1800 he was head of a household at Dartmouth with one male 45 and up, two males under 10, one female between 16 and 26 and two females under 10. It appears that several of the children were not living at home. In 1800 the household consisted of one male over 45, two males under 10, two females under 10, and one female between 16 and 26. In 1810 the widow Phebe Gifford is listed as head of a household at Dartmouth, with one male between 10 and 16, one female under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one between 26 and 45.

Of the children listed below, Patience is conclusively proved to be a daughter of Nathaniel. The others named in the deed of Timothy Gifford are placed here subject to further search in probate, deed, court, and other records.

Children:

- i. MEHITABLE⁶, b. "1780" (g.s., Hixville Meetinghouse Cemetery).
- ii. PATIENCE, b. perhaps 1782; m. 30 Dec. 1804 RUFUS DAVIS, son of Eber and Mary Davis, b. 16 Mar. 1783. She is called "d. Nathaniel dec'd" (Westport Town Records).
- iii. SUSANNA, b. perhaps 1784.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. perhaps 1786. She may have been a child of the 2nd wife and, if so, b. after 1792; m. 24 Sept. 1812 CULBERT BOOTH (DAVR).
- v. MARY, b. perhaps ca. 1793.
- vi. RUFUS, b. perhaps ca. 1795.
- vii. EDMUND, b. perhaps ca. 1796; m. 29 Mar. 1821 MERCY GIFFORD, dau. of Jonathan⁵ Gifford, d. before 1 May 1738, the date of her father's will, which gives to "the children of my late daughter Mercy Gifford, wife of Edmond Gifford—Phebe, Mehitable, William, Martha Jones Gifford, and Paul Jones Gifford" (BRCP). She is called "Mary" in the *Vital Records of Westport, Massachusetts*. . . (Boston, 1918), hereafter *WEVR*, but the intentions dated 5 Mar. 1821 show "Miss Marcy Gifford" (DAVR).
- viii. MARTHA, b. perhaps 1800.

150. JOSEPH⁵ GIFFORD (*Timothy*⁴⁻³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born 23 October 1772 and died after 4 January 1825 when named in the will of his brother Gilbert Gifford.

He married first, at Little Compton, Rhode Island, 31 January 1798 MARY WILBUR, daughter of Charles and Hannah (Sisson) Wilbur of Little Compton, who was born there, 8 September 1781 (Benjamin F. Wilbour, *Little Compton Families* [Little Compton, 1967], 724).

He married secondly, at Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 1 February 1837 MARY KEMPTON, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia Kempton of Fairhaven, who was born 9 September 1786 (New Bedford Records).

The will of his sister Ruth Gifford, dated 17 June 1816, gives the residue of her estate to her brothers Joseph and Abraham Gifford. In the deed of 1816, in the settlement of Timothy Gifford's estate, one of the heirs who signed was this Joseph. The will of the unmarried brother Gilbert Gifford, dated 4 January 1825, bequeaths to Joseph Gifford and names him sole executor. Gilbert mentions, also, his nephew Timothy Gifford and "Sarah Gifford, daughter of my late nephew Charles Gifford."

Joseph Gifford is listed in the 1800 census at Dartmouth as head of a family of one male under 10, one between 26 and 45; one female under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. In 1810 his family consisted of one male under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 26 and 45; two females under 10, and one between 26 and 45.

Children recorded to Joseph and Mary at Dartmouth:

- i. CHARLES⁶, b. 7 Nov. 1798; d. 19 Oct. 1822; m. 2 Dec. 1821 PHEBE DEVOL (*DAVR*). They had one child: *Sarah Howland*, b. 22 Aug. 1822, named in the will of her father's uncle Gilbert.
- ii. HANNAH, b. 2 Oct. 1800; d. 4 June 1848; m. at Dartmouth, 14 Nov. 1822 PRINCE ALLEN, son of Reuben and Bathshebe Allen of Dartmouth (*ibid.*).
- iii. SARAH WILBOUR, b. 16 Oct. 1805.
- iv. TIMOTHY, b. 6 Jan. 1810; d. 27 Jan. 1830 "son of Joseph of Dartmouth, ae. 20 yrs., a pupil at Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I." (James N. Arnold, *Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636-1850*, vol. 7 [Providence, 1895]).

151. ABRAHAM⁵ GIFFORD (*Timothy*⁴⁻³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born at Dartmouth, 28 September 1776 and died after 4 January 1825, the date of his brother Gilbert's will.

He married (intentions at Dartmouth, 30 Oct. 1805) SUSANNAH ALLEN. He is called "s. Timothy" and she "Susannah Allen of Dartmouth" (*DAVR*).

As we have seen, the will of Ruth Gifford, dated 17 June 1816, names this "brother Abraham Gifford." The deed of 1816, in distribution of the estate of Timothy⁴ Gifford, includes among the heirs this son Abraham Gifford (see above). Also, the will of the unmarried brother, Gilbert⁵ Gifford, dated 4 January 1825, names his brother Abraham Gifford and two nephews, John A. Gifford and Nathaniel Gifford. By a process of elimination, we believe that they were sons of Abraham⁵ Gifford. This must be proved or refuted by further research. There are a number of deeds in the name of Abraham Gifford which should be checked: one in 1799, Job Baker to Abraham Gifford; one from Abraham Gifford to