

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

Lemuel Milk, recorded 1801; one in 1806, Abner Potter to Abraham Gifford; one of 1806 from Abraham Gifford to Edward Wing, Jr.; one of 1808 from William Babcock to Abraham Gifford et al; and one of 1810 from John Avery Parker to Abraham Gifford (BRCD, 15:390, 509; 18:72, 85, 288, 422).

The difficulty here is that a thorough search is necessary to distinguish between this Abraham⁵ Gifford and his two slightly older cousins, Abraham⁵ Gifford (*Job*⁴), born 1759, who married in 1782 Sarah Brownell, and Abraham⁵ Gifford (*William*⁴), born 1752, who married in 1775 Priscilla Sanford.

Probable sons of Abraham and Susannah:

- i. JOHN A.⁶, b. perhaps ca. 1806.
- ii. NATHANIEL, b. perhaps ca. 1808.

152. STEPHEN⁵ GIFFORD (*Job*⁴, *Simeon*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born at Dartmouth, 25 July 1753.

He married first, at Westport, 13 November 1777 RHODA ANTHONY, daughter of Job and Sarah (Wing) Anthony, who died before 25 December 1811 when her widower remarried.

He married secondly, at Westport, 25 December 1811 RACHEL (WEAVER) BAKER, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Weaver, and widow of Job Baker of Dartmouth (*WEVR*, 168).

An indenture of 14 December 1785 between Stephen Gifford, blacksmith, Elizabeth Allen, spinster, Sarah Wood, widow, and Adam Allen, yeoman, all of Dartmouth, and Zebulon Cornell, yeoman, and his wife Ruth of Saratoga, Albany County, New York, sets forth that "they jointly own a Dartmouth tract of 253 acres, it being laid out in six surveys, which were given to the above sd parties, except Stephen Gifford in the Last Will of their father Joseph Allen, late of Dartmouth, dec'd and he, the sd Gifford purchased his right therein of Lydia Wood, wife of Peleg Wood, being also a daughter of sd dec'd." In the division Stephen Gifford was to have the fourth lot, about fifty acres. All signed and Stephen Gifford acknowledged the instrument, 5 February 1788 (recorded 24 May 1791, BRCD, 12:375).

We have seen that the will of Job Gifford, dated 25 January 1784, gave a portion of his land to his three sons: Stephen, Abraham and Thomas Gifford; that he appointed this son Stephen Gifford sole executor, and gave him the residuary estate.

By a deed of 4 September 1789 Stephen Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, for £15, paid by Pardon Davold of Westport, conveyed a parcel of Westport land "and is part of a Ten Acre Lot of land that my Honoured Grand Father Simeon Gifford, late of sd Dartmouth, bought of Benjamin Ricketson"; signed by Stephen Gifford and Rhoda Gifford; witnessed by Abraham and Thomas Gifford (BRCD, 12:138). An agree-