

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-

ment to divide, dated 5 December 1792, sets forth that "Job Gifford of Dartmouth, dec'd, by his Last Will and Testament," gave certain land to his three sons: Stephen, Abraham, and Thomas Gifford (*ibid.*, 13:29). By a deed of 6 December 1792 Stephen Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, for £24 paid by his brother Abraham Gifford of same, blacksmith, sold 2½ acres at the east end of the blacksmith's shop; signed Stephen and Rhoda Gifford (*ibid.*, 13:27).

The 1790 census shows Stephen Gifford at Dartmouth with a household of one male over 16, four under 16, and three females.

Children recorded at Dartmouth:

- i. DEBORAH⁶, b. 9 June 1778; m. at Dartmouth, 5 Mar. 1805 LEVI CHASE (*DAVR*, 2:196).
- ii. JOB, b. 15 Feb. 1780; m. (1) (int. 8 Oct. 1800) RUTH P. WAIT; m. (2) at Westport, 2 Dec. 1821 NANCY (GIFFORD) SNELL, dau. of John Gifford (*WEVR*).
- iii. ANNA (called NANNA), b. 24 Nov. 1781; m. 6 Sept. 1815 THEOPHILUS SHOVE, son of Edward [of Berkley] and Elizabeth, dec'd (*DAVR*).
- iv. ELIHU, b. 9 June 1783; d. at Westport, 26 Dec. 1809 "in 27th yr."; m. 25 Oct. 1804 BARBARA HOWLAND, dau. of John Howland. She m. (2) 3 Nov. 1811 John Warren Gifford, son of Joseph Gifford (*WEVR*, 194).
- v. JOHN A., b. 10 Aug. 1785; d. 8 May 1837 "ae. 52y. lm. 28d."; m. 24 Mar. 1813 MERCY SLADE, dau. of Edward and Eliphah Slade, b. 4 Jan. 1791 (*WEVR*, 164, 274; *DAVR*, 1:236).
- vi. STEPHEN, b. 2 May 1786; m. at Dartmouth 20 Sept. 1813 REBECCA WING (*DAVR*, 2:207).
- vii. ANTHONY, b. 30 July 1794; d. 30 Apr. 1862; m. 26 Feb. 1824 DEBORAH CHASE, dau. of Peleg and Deborah Chase, b. 1 May 1795 (*WEVR*, 31,160).

153. ABRAHAM⁵ GIFFORD (*Job*⁴, *Simeon*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born at Westport, 7 January 1759 and died there, testate, in 1853.

He married at Dartmouth, 3 October 1782 SARAH BROWNELL, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Brownell) Brownell of Dartmouth.

The will of Job Gifford, dated 21 January 1784, gives: "To my sons Stephen, Abraham, and Thomas to share equally in land to the south of the highway, which is not sold to satisfy debts. . . and in the farming tools." The sons Abraham and Thomas "to share equally in my dwelling house and, after the death of their mother, in the barn on land divided among the three sons. Abraham to have the use of the blacksmith tools until Thomas comes of age, then to son Thomas if he learns the trade, otherwise among the three sons" (*BRCP*, 28:157).

By deed of 5 December 1792 Stephen, Abraham, and Thomas agreed to divide certain lots of land in Dartmouth given by the last will of Job Gifford to his three sons (*BRCD*, 71:431, 432). A second deed dated the