

- vi. CHILD—either son or dau.—the parent of the “grand daughter Sophia Soule, wife of Resolved Soule” named in the will, although perhaps *Sophia* was a child of one of the known children of Abraham⁵ Gifford. A Sophie T. Gifford m. 31 Mar. 1833 Resolved Soule (*WEVR*, 168; see also *Columbian Centinel*, 10 Apr. 1833).

154. JOHN⁵ GIFFORD (*Obadiah⁴, Simeon³, Robert², William¹*) was born at Dartmouth, 6 May 1764 and died intestate, probably in the town of Batavia, Genessee County, New York, in 1808 when letters of administration were granted in his estate.

He married 12 December 1782 MARY TRIPP (Records of the First Stamford Baptist Church at Bangall, Dutchess Co., N.Y., earlier the Great Nine Partners, Charlotte Precinct, which was organized 15 October 1759; Evelyn Briggs Baldwin, “The First Stanford (Baptist) Church at Bangall, Dutchess Co., New York,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 37[1906]:176.

John Gifford was mentioned in 1797 in the will of his father Obadiah Gifford of the City of Hudson.

Like his older brothers, Humphrey and Henry, John served in the Sixth Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia (James A. Roberts, *New York in the Revolution* [Albany, 1898]). He may have moved with his parents and brother Humphrey to Hudson, Columbia County, New York, where a John Gifford is listed in the 1790 census with a family of one male over 16, two under 16, and four females. However, deeds and other records place John⁵ Gifford, tailor, number 103, in Hudson at this time. It appears, therefore, that the present John Gifford escaped separate enumeration in the 1790 and 1800 censuses of New York.

In Genessee County, New York, the town of Bergen was formed from Batavia in 1812, and Byron was formed from Bergen in 1820. John Gifford died in 1808, but the village of Bergen evidently existed before 1812. While other information places the family in Bergen before 1810, for some unaccountable reason the “town” heading preceding the three Gifford entries in the photostats of the 1810 census of Genessee County is Murray. The town of Murray is somewhat remote geographically from Bergen and became part of Orleans County in 1824.

Henry D. Gifford was head of a family of one male between 16 and 26, one between 26 and 45, and one female between 16 and 26. Sires (i.e., Cyrus) Gifford was head of a family of two males between 16 and 26, two females under 10, and two females between 16 and 26. Mary Gifford, evidently John’s widow, was head of a household of one male under 10, two males between 10 and 16, one male between 16 and 26, one female under 10, and one female over 45. There are possibly eight sons and one daughter counted in these census entries, but the names of only three sons are certain. The 1840 census of Bergen shows Henry D. Gifford still there with possibly two brothers, Aaron and Isaac. Their sons,

Hamilton W. and Malden Gifford, are listed separately. Further search in the Genesee County records is indicated.

Children:

- i. HENRY-DOW⁶, b. 5 Jan. 1784; d. at Bergen, N.Y., 7 Aug. 1852 (petition in Surrogate's Office); m. (1) at Bergen, 16 Oct. 1806 FALLEE RICHMOND; m. (2) ROXANNA (———). The will of Henry D. Gifford was dated 6 Aug. 1852 and proved 20 Aug. 1852. The petition of the executors, dated 20 Aug. 1852, identifies his heirs as follows: Roxcena, his widow; *Polly*, wife of James Bissell; *Elsey G.*, wife of Luke B. VanDake, of Rochester; *Hamilton W.*, also of Rochester; *Fallee*, wife of Jerry H. Crampton; *Henry J.*, a minor son; *Salley*, deceased, wife of Amos R. Willetts, who left a minor daughter Mary Willetts, of Ledyard, Cayuga County, N.Y.
- ii. CYRUS.
- iii. AARON. An item in the *Boston Transcript* of 8 May 1912 indicates that Aaron Gifford, son of John and Polly, of Bergen, N.Y., married 8 Jan. 1810 Henrietta Richmond. An Aaron Gifford of Bergen died in 1870 and stated on 20 Apr. 1870 in the preamble to his will that he was 73 years old, so that he was born in 1797 and, therefore, did not marry in 1810. His will and the executor's petition of 17 Oct. 1870 identify the following heirs: widow ELIZA; six sons: *Malden*, *John D.*, *Morris*, *Sylvester*, *Francis B.*, and *Isaac*; three daughters: *Sophia*, wife of Sylvester Parker, *Martha*, wife of George Arnold, and *Charlotte*, wife of ——— Adams, deceased; and three grandsons: Andrew, Chester, and Henry Adams, the last one a minor whose guardian was Morris Gifford. Aaron's home was in the village of Wardville.
- iv. ISAAC.

155. ELIHU⁵ GIFFORD (*Obadiah*⁴, *Simeon*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born probably at Dartmouth, 7 January 1772 and died at Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, 6 July 1839 "age 67" (Bible record [hereafter BR] for this family and grave records [hereafter GR] assembled by the DAR). Elihu and members of his family are buried in a Gifford cemetery near Oneonta Reservoir.

He married 30 December 1792 SABRA BUCKSTON, who was born 30 July 1775 and died 18 February 1848 (BR) "age 74" (GR).

In the *Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of Otsego County, New York* ([Boston, 1893], 545), a sketch about this Gifford family appears. Elihu's birth date, however, is given as 7 July 1772 with the same date of death. His wife's dates of birth and death agree with those in the Bible record. It is stated that Elihu Gifford came from Albany County in 1803 and lived on a farm on Oneonta Creek.

It has been noted that Edward A. Gifford in his "Gifford Genealogy, 1717-1939," gives a third date of birth, 7 July 1771, and makes the not uncommon substitute of the name Elisha for Elihu.