

- xi. RICHARD SHERMAN, b. 13 Sept. 1817; m. at Westport, 7 Feb. 1842  
 ABBY S. WING, dau. of David and Sophia<sup>6</sup> Gifford (*Jonathan*<sup>5</sup>,  
*Christopher*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) Wing (Westport Town Records, 167).

**158.** EPHRAIM<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Elijah*<sup>4</sup>, *Enos*<sup>3</sup>, *Christopher*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 7 November 1772 and died, testate, at Westport, 16 November, 1847 "ae. 75" (*WEVR*, 275).

He married at Westport, 14 August 1794 SUSANNA WILCOX, daughter of William and Meribah (Tucker) Wilcox of Westport, who was born at Dartmouth, 15 September 1773 and died 10 September 1847 "ae. 74" (*ibid.*, 162).

The will of Elijah<sup>4</sup> Gifford, dated 25 December 1805, gives to this "beloved son, Ephraim Gifford all that my farm that I bought of the Whites and ten acres of woodland at the southeast corner of my homestead farm and a lot of salt meadow on Horseneck," as well as his share of the residue in money and securities.

The following deed is of unusual genealogical interest: "Whereas Robert Willcox of Cambridge in the County of Washington in the state of New York, yeoman, Jeffery Willcox of Westport, County Bristol (Mass.), yeoman, Waterman Beard of Hartford, County of Washington (N.Y.), yeoman, and Sarah his wife in her right, Ephraim Gifford of Westport (Mass.), yeoman, and Susanna his wife in her right, Daniel Gifford of sd Westport, yeoman, and Abigail his wife, in her right, and Eliphal Willcox, of sd Westport, are seized and possessed of all the Real Estate which William Willcox, late of sd Westport, yeoman, dec'd, intestate, who was the father of sd Robert, Jeffery, Sarah, Susanna, Abigail and Eliphal, died seized of. . ." 7 February 1809 (BRCD, 19:221, 222).

The will of Ephraim Gifford of Westport, dated 1 January 1844, proved 6 June 1848, gives to "beloved wife Susannah. . . . To my daughter Deborah Slocum, wife of Abner Slocum. . . . To my six grand children: Willard and Ephraim Slocum; Christopher, Emily, Susannah and John W. Gifford." He makes his son John Gifford sole executor and gives him the residue of the estate (BRCP, 92:112).

Children recorded to Ephraim and Susannah at Westport:

- i. DEBORAH<sup>6</sup>, b. 10 Nov. 1794; m. (int. at Westport, 26 Oct. 1813)  
 ABNER SLOCUM.
- ii. JOHN, b. 4 Aug. 1796; m. at Westport, 8 Mar. 1821 CHARITY GIFFORD, dau. of William and Lydie (Palmer) Gifford.

**159.** DANIEL<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Elijah*<sup>4</sup>, *Enos*<sup>3</sup>, *Christopher*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Westport, 17 June 1775 and died 9 October 1849, "ae 74y. 3m. 22d., widr., farmer, son Elijah and Deborah" (*WEVR*, 47, 273).

He married (intentions at Westport, 27 March 1801) ABIGAIL WILCOX,

daughter of William and Meribah (Tucker) Wilcox, who was born 12 May 1780 and died after July 1844 and before 9 October 1849 (*ibid.*, 161).

The will of Elijah<sup>4</sup> Gifford gives: "Unto my well beloved son Daniel Gifford, all the remaining part of my homestead Farm where I now live and salt meadows on Crooked Creek and all my farming tools and utensils. . ." 25 December 1805. Daniel and his older brother Wilbor were appointed co-executors (see above). A deed recorded in 1810 shows that Daniel Gifford quitclaimed his rights in the property of his brothers which came to them under his father's will. We have seen that Daniel Gifford and his wife Abigail, in her right, together with his brother Ephraim who had married Susanna Wilcox, sister of this Abigail (Wilcox) Gifford, and the other children of William Wilcox of Westport, dec'd, signed a deed of 7 February 1809.

The will of Daniel Gifford of Westport, yeoman, dated August 1844, proved 4 December 1849, gives: "To my beloved wife Abigail Gifford . . . to my two sons, Joshua W. Gifford and William Gifford, all the residue. . .of my estate," and names them co-executors (BRCP, 94:321).

#### Children:

- i. JOSHUA W.<sup>6</sup>, b. 14 Sept. 1806, parents not shown; d. 15 Apr. 1863; m. (int. 6 Mar. 1830) CATHARINE WING (*DAVR*).
- ii. WILLIAM, b. 18 July 1813; d. 8 Mar. 1867; m. HANNAH ———, b. 31 July 1818, "w. of William" (*WEVR*); d. 6 Mar. 1869.

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WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> GIFFORD OF SANDWICH, MASS.  
(D. 1687)

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The will of Daniel Gifford of Westport, yeoman, executed in August 1844 and proved 4 December 1849, bequeaths: "To my beloved wife Abigail Gifford . . . To my two sons, Joshua W. Gifford and William Gifford, all the residue of my estate." He names his sons co-executors (Bristol County, Massachusetts, Probate Records, 94:321). The will clearly shows that at that date he had only two living children. We believe that the Sarah given him by Harry E. Gifford in the *Gifford Genealogy* (Wollaston, Mass., 1890) and Daniel listed, without references, in *Wildbores in America* (John Reid Wilbor and Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, compilers, Baltimore, 1933- ) belong elsewhere.

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**160.** HERCULES<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Canaan<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 9 January 1752 and died at Williamson, Ontario Co., N.Y., in 1810.