

were destroyed by fire, and we find no deed records for Giffords in Ontario County during this early period. There remains a brief surrogate's note, showing that Harcules [*sic*] Gifford "late of Williamson, Ontario Co." was deceased, and the court appointed John Shearman, a friend, administrator. The town of Williamson, set off from Sodus in 1802, was included in 1823 in the new county of Wayne, which was formed from parts of Ontario and Seneca counties. Search there and in Friends' and other records is needed to fill in this picture.

Children (no birth records found, and no proof that they are correctly placed here):

- i. LYDIA<sup>6</sup>, b. probably to the first wife, Lydia Paine. H. E. Gifford did not find the record of the second marriage of Hercules Gifford, but notes that this Lydia m. PARDON BUTTS.
- ? ii. MAHALIEL, b. perhaps ca. 1775. (If he is the son 16 years or over in 1790.)
- ? iii. A SON, b. perhaps between 1780-82.
- ? iv. A DAU., b. perhaps about 1784.
- ? v. A DAU.

**161.** NOAH<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Canaan<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 8 February 1758 and died at Westport, 2 November 1835 (*Westport VRs*, 50, 274).

He married at Dartmouth, 20 June 1797, MARTHA HATHAWAY, daughter of Nathaniel (*Antipas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Arthur<sup>2-1</sup>*) and Elizabeth (Pearce) Hathaway and granddaughter of Clothier and Lydia (Hersey) Pearce (Elizabeth Starr Versailles, *Hathaways of America* [Northampton, Mass., 1970], 782). Martha was born 11 October 1771 and died in April 1863. In the Dartmouth Records at the time of his marriage he is called "of Little Compton, Newport Co., R.I., s. Canaan & Abigail".

We have not seen the deeds in his name recorded at Little Compton, but he owned land in Westport. The latter's records show that by a deed of 1786 he and his half-brother, Canaan Gifford, received from their brother Gideon land that formerly had belonged to their father. A similar deed from another brother, Hercules Gifford of Freetown, conveyed land to Noah and Canaan Gifford. Other deeds show that in 1788 Noah and Canaan Gifford exchanged land in Westport with their cousin Elijah Gifford. In 1787 they received more land from the estate of Zachariah Dyer (Bristol Deeds, 12:62, 63, 64, 65, 66).

The 1790 Census lists Noah Gifford at Little Compton with a family of two males over 16, one under 16, and two females.

By a deed of 1799 Noah Gifford and his wife Martha deeded Westport land to Daniel Wood and in 1801 they deeded more land there to Ebenezer Holmes (Bristol Deeds, 16:422; 17:20).

The will of Noah Gifford of Little Compton, dated 14 June 1834, proved 14 December 1838, gives to: "My wife Martha" while she remains his widow all real estate west of the highway, except swamp, orchard and

use of the square meadow lying east of the highway, continuing east to John Dyer's land and the Irish meadow in the marsh lot; also one horse and carriage. To his son Gideon Gifford, one half the dwelling house, one half the door yard and south half of the wagon house. To his daughters Abby Gifford and Judith Gifford, three sheep each and the privilege to dwell in his house while single. To his granddaughter Esther Margaret Gifford, daughter of his son Noah, \$20. To his seven children: Nathaniel, Clothier, Elizabeth Wilbur, Abby Gifford, Lydia Hoskins, Gideon Gifford and Judith Gifford "all my Real Estate not already disposed of." To his three sons: Nathaniel, Clothier and Gideon Gifford he gave "all my personal Estate." He appointed his wife sole executrix. Witnesses were Ephraim W. Brownell, John Gifford, and N. C. Brownell (Little Compton, Rhode Island, Wills, 8:121).

Martha (Hathaway) Gifford of Little Compton, R.I., aged 80, deposed in the case of the Revolutionary pension of her brother-in-law, Gideon Gifford, that she was the widow of Noah Gifford, brother of Gideon, who would have been 91 years old if living in 1851.

Children, all except Esther recorded in Westport records:

- i. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup>, b. 26 April 1798; d. 22 Aug. 1878; m. 27 Nov. 1828 MERCY MACUMBER, b. 7 Feb. 1800. New Bedford records give them five children.
- ii. CLOTHIER, b. 25 Jan. 1800; d. 13 May 1871; m. 31 March 1825 PRISCILLA<sup>6</sup> GIFFORD, dau. Elijah<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Sherman) Gifford, b. 9 July 1803, d. 12 March 1872.
- iii. ESTHER, b. 25 Jan. 1801; recorded at Little Compton; d.s.p., not mentioned in her father's will.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 20 April 1802; d. 1859; m. 4 Nov. 1830 PELEG WILBUR, son of Daniel and Deborah Wilbur (Westport Records).
- v. NOAH, b. 8 Sept. 1804; d. 27 Sept. 1833 (Little Compton Town Records); m. 31 May 1827 SARAH TRIPP, dau. of Philip and Margaret (Kirby) Tripp, b. 29 April 1808, d. 17 March 1833. One child: *Esther Margaret*, b. 31 July 1829, named in her grandfather's will.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 16 Nov. 1807; d. Dec. 1883; m. 24 Sept. 1840 CALEB MACOMBER, brother of Mercy Macomber who m. her brother Nathaniel.
- vii. LYDIA, b. 6 March 1810; m. (int. 2 Feb. 1833) SAMUEL HOSKINS "both of New Bedford" (*Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts* [Boston, 1932]).
- viii. GIDEON, b. 12 March 1813; d. 22 Jan. 1896; m. at Westport, 25 Oct. 1837 MARY AUSTIN, dau. of Joshua and Dianna Austin.
- ix. JUDITH, b. 16 April 1815; m. 20 Aug. 1840 BENJAMIN STEVENS of Providence, son of Nathaniel and Molly Stevens of Windham, Me.

**162.** GIDEON<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Canaan<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 5 May 1760, and died at Pawlet, Vermont, 10 January 1810.