

- vii. ALEXANDER, perhaps a twin of Franklin.
- viii. RACHEL; m. ——— CHADWICK (H. E. Gifford).

168. SYLVESTER⁵ GIFFORD (*Joseph⁴, Enos³, Christopher², William¹*) was born 2 August 1778, and died at Little Compton, 22 September 1842 (Arnold, *Rhode Island VRs*, Vol. 4, pt. 6, p. 118).

He married at Little Compton, 10 November 1805, RHODA MANCHESTER, daughter of John and Nancy Manchester of Tiverton (*ibid.*).

Sylvester Gifford is named in the will of his father Joseph Gifford. He is named, also, in the will of his sister Judith, dated 10 August 1810. She bequeaths to his two sons David and Andrew \$10 and directs "If my brother Sylvester doth not outlive me, then his wife Rhoda and her children shall have what I have given him". As we have seen Michael Gifford names this cousin Sylvester Gifford sole executor of her will.

The will of Sylvester Gifford, yeoman, of Little Compton, R.I., dated 23 January 1839, proved 14 November 1842, gives to his wife Rhoda Gifford the use of his great room, great chamber, and the southwest bedroom for as long as she remains his widow. He directs her not to take any person to live with her "except our daughter Amey and her son David Sylvester". To his daughter Amey Woodworth and to her son David Sylvester Woodworth he gives \$150 each. All his live stock, his cedar swamp and sedge flat were given to his son Clarke. To his son Joseph Gifford he gives "my sedge flat". Joseph P. and Clarke Gifford were named joint executors. The witnesses were Eben P. Church, Beriah G. Howland, E. W. Brownell (Little Compton Probates 9:69).

Children recorded at Little Compton (Arnold, *Rhode Island VRs*, Vol. 4, pt. 6, p. 118):

- i. DAVID⁶, b. 15 Nov. 1806; "drowned at Little Compton 13 Aug. 1822 eldest son of Sylvester Gifford, Esq., ae. 16 yrs." (*Register*, 105 [1951]: 217.)
- ii. ANDREW, b. 16 March 1809.
- iii. AMEY, b. 26 June 1811; m. DAVID WOODWORTH. Ch.: *David*, b. 5 Aug. 1830.
- iv. NANCY MANCHESTER, b. 26 Nov. 1813; d. prob. before 23 Jan. 1839 as she is not named in her father's will; m. 1 May 1836 ELIHU WOODWORTH.
- v. JOSEPH P., b. 27 June 1816. [Benjamin F. Wilbour noted that this man had a wife Elizabeth, and H. E. Gifford shows that he married ——— Slocum.] He died without issue.
- vi. CLARKE, b. 27 June 1820; d. at Little Compton, 14 April 1846 (Arnold, *Rhode Island VRs*, Vol. 4, pt. 6, p. 118). He is said to have m. 18 May 1843 MARY ANN TRIPP.

169. JOSEPH⁵ GIFFORD (*William⁴, Christopher³⁻², William¹*) was born 20 November 1750, and died at Cambridge, Washington County, New York, in 1822.

He married at Little Compton, 26 March 1775, CONSTANT HIX, daughter of Constant and Sybil (Woodward) Hicks of Dartmouth, who was born there, 1 January 1753, and died probably in New York State before 14 December 1821.

Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, by an indenture of 18 May 1780, paid 150 Spanish Milled Dollars to his brother Richard Gifford of Tiverton, R.I., for land in Dartmouth (Bristol Deeds, 10:188). On 15 April 1783 Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth paid £438 to his father, William Gifford, for more Dartmouth land (*ibid.*, 10:344/5). When in July 1787 Westport was incorporated from a part of Dartmouth, Joseph Gifford's property included land in both towns. Beside his purchases Joseph Gifford inherited land from his father.

The Census of 1790 shows Joseph Gifford at Westport as head of a family of one male over 16 and four under 16 and six females. In 1800, still at Westport, the family consisted of two males between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, one 45 and up, one female under 10, two between 10 and 16, two between 16 and 26, and one 45 and up. By 1810 he was in Cambridge, N.Y.

By a deed of 23 February 1800, Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth, County of Bristol, Mass., purchased for £880 paid to Caleb Gifford and Ellefal (*sic*) his wife of Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y., for two lots of Cambridge land, one of 75 acres and the other of 50 acres, parts of Cambridge lots #3 and #4 (Washington County Deeds E:419). On 1 March 1804 Joseph Gifford, still at Westport, yeoman, conveyed to William Ross and John A. Parker, merchants, for \$200, land, including "a lot of cedar swamp in Dartmouth, being part of a lot given to myself and my brother William Gifford by my father in his Last will and testament, which is still undivided between us" (Bristol Deeds, 17:65/6). Another deed of the same year shows Joseph Gifford selling for \$3000 an 80 acre farm situated on the Accoxet River in Dartmouth. His wife Constant released her dower rights (Bristol Deeds, 17:64).

It was probably soon after these last deeds were recorded that the Joseph Gifford family moved to New York State. The 1810 and 1820 censuses find him at Cambridge, N.Y.

The will of Joseph Gifford of Cambridge, dated 14 December 1821, proved 20 October 1822, names his sons: Daniel, Hicks, Christopher and Joseph; his daughters: Sarah, wife of Thomas Almy; Mary, wife of Peleg Cook; Patience, wife of Anthony Brownell; Sybil, wife of Wanton Cornell. He made his son Hicks sole executor and appointed Walter Cornell and Gershom Allen to "determine any disputes." His daughter Nancy, who had married Philip Allen, was apparently deceased without issue since neither she nor any offspring were mentioned.

Children, first five recorded at Dartmouth:

- i. HICKS⁶, b. 2 Oct. 1775; living in 1822.
- ii. NANCY, b. 13 Feb. 1777; m. (int. at Dartmouth, 17 June 1797) PHILIP ALLEN.

- iii. SARAH, b. 10 June 1778; d. at Westport, 13 Jan. 1848 "ae. 68 yr. 7 m."; m. (int. 15 Jan. 1798) THOMAS ALMY, son of Christopher and Elizabeth Almy of Dartmouth, b. 22 April 1775.
- iv. DANIEL, b. 1 Jan. 1781; living in 1822.
- v. MARY, b. 16 March 1782; d. in 1860; m. 4 Oct. 1801 PELEG COOK, son of Bennet and Experience (Cornell) Cook of Tiverton. We wish here to acknowledge with thanks the help given us on this branch by Jennifer Gaige¹⁰ (*Ruth Cook*⁹, *Elmer Cook*⁸, *Peleg Cook*⁷, *Mary Gifford*), Mrs. Thomas Gensler, 46 Cedar Lane, Scotia, N.Y. 12302.
- vi. JOSEPH, b. 1 April 1784; living at the date of his father's will.
- vii. PATIENCE, m. ANTHONY BROWNELL (from father's will).
- viii. CHRISTOPHER, living at the date of his father's will.
- ix. SYBIL, m. 27 Sept. 1808 WANTON CORNELL, son of Gideon and Susannah (Brownell) Cornell (John Cornell, *Genealogy of the Cornell Family* [New York, 1902], 85).

170. ABRAHAM⁵ GIFFORD (*William*⁴, *Christopher*³⁻², *William*¹) was born 14 August 1752, and was living at Westport at the date of the 1810 Census.

He married first, at Dartmouth, 17 March 1775, PRISCILLA SANFORD, who died, perhaps in childbirth, during the winter of 1775/6.

He married secondly, 15 March 1776, ROBA TABER, who was born ca. 1759, and died at New Bedford, 24 October 1853 in her 95th year. Abraham Gifford was appointed administrator of the estate of Eseck Tabor in 1796, possibly a relative of Roba (Taber) Gifford (Bristol Probates, 14:166/7).

William Gifford willed to this son Abraham Gifford the house and lot on which the latter then lived. A deed dated 26 June 1806 shows that Abraham Gifford of Westport, blacksmith, for \$265 paid by Nathaniel Kirby, 2nd, of the same town, conveyed a parcel of land in Westport, "it being the salt meadow given to me by my father, William Gifford, deceased, in his Last Will and Testament." Roby Gifford released her dower rights (Bristol Deeds, 18:25).

In 1790 Abraham Gifford is in Westport with a wife and one male child. The 1800 Census lists him (called blacksmith) at Westport with a family of one male under 16, two between 16 and 26, one over 45, one female between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, one between 26 and 45, and one 45 and up. The 1810 Census finds him still at Westport, and it appears that grandchildren were then in the household.

While it is evident from the members of the household enumerated in 1790, 1800, and 1810 that there were other children only one birth record has been found.

Known child by second marriage:

- i. PHILIP⁶, b. 18 Sept. 1779; m. at Westport, 20 Sept. 1801 RUTH TABER of Tiverton, dau. of Stephen Taber of that town (Westport Town Records).