

WILLIAM¹ GIFFORD OF SANDWICH, MASS.
(D. 1687)

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174. ELIHU⁵ GIFFORD (*Richard*⁴, *Christopher*³⁻², *William*¹) was born at Tiverton, R.I., 29 Dec. 1758, and died after the date of his pension claim, 8 Sept. 1832, and before 7 Jan. 1837, the date of his widow's death. He married first (int. at Dartmouth, Mass., 30 June 1781) PATIENCE CORNELL, died before April 1815. In the Dartmouth marriage record he is called "of Tiverton" (*Vital Records of Dartmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. [Boston, 1930], 2:196). He married second (int. 21 April 1815) THANKFUL (HAMMOND) SANFORD, born at Dartmouth, 19 Oct. 1785, died 7 Jan. 1837 "widow of Elihu of Dartmouth, ac. 73y. 2 m." (g.s. Rural Cemetery, New Bedford; *Dartmouth VRs*, 1:106, 2:196), daughter of Thomas and Mary (Taber) Hammond and widow of John Sanford, Jr. In the marriage record they are "both of Dartmouth."

Elihu Gifford served in the Revolution. When he applied for a pension 8 Sept. 1832 aged 74 he gave his place of residence as Tiverton, R.I., and his date and place of birth as above. He deposed that he had lived at Tiverton from after the War up to the date of his application (National Archives, Rev. Pension Claim, S-21, 226).

As we have seen (*Register* 132 [1978]: 215), Richard⁴ Gifford conveyed a tract of Westport land to his sons Elihu (called yeoman), and Thurston.

The census of 1790 shows Elihu Gifford at Tiverton with a family of one male over 16, one under 16 and two females. The 1800 census of Tiverton shows a family of one male between 26 and 45, one 45 and up, two females under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. In 1810 the family consisted of Elihu Gifford aged 45 and up and two females—one between 10 and 16 and one between 26 and 45.

Children by first marriage recorded at Tiverton:

- i. SON⁶(?), b. perhaps about 1782 (census records suggest that there was at least one son, born bef. the recorded daus.)
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 31 March 1789.
- iii. LYDIA, b. 17 Nov. 1793.
- iv. PEACE, b. 15 June 1798.

Child by second marriage, recorded at Tiverton:

- v. PATIENCE, b. 29 April 1817.