

**175.** THURSTON<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Richard*<sup>4</sup>, *Christopher*<sup>3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Tiverton, R.I., about 1760, and died, probably in New York State, after the date of the 1820 census. He married at Westport, 12 Feb. 1797 RHODA SANFORD, born at Westport, 3 Dec. 1775, died after the 1820 census, daughter of Philip and Ruth (—) Sanford (*Vital Records of Westport, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* [Boston, 1918], 80, 169).

We have seen (*Register* 132 [1978]: 215) that Thurston Gifford and his elder brother Elihu received from their father Richard Gifford land at Westport that had belonged to their grandfather Christopher<sup>3</sup> Gifford. In the 1800 census Thurston Gifford is at Tiverton with a family of one male between 16 and 26 (obviously an error since Thurston Gifford was born about 1760) and three females—one under 10, one between 16 and 26 (Rhoda), and one over 45. Tiverton, R.I., deeds may include further data on Thurston Gifford.

Thurston Gifford probably moved, perhaps about 1801, to Bern, Albany County, N.Y. A Thurston Gifford is there listed in 1810 with a family of two males under 10, one between 26 and 45, four females under 10, two between 10 and 16, one between 26 and 45, and one 45 and up. This suggests that several children were born after he left Tiverton. The 1820 census shows two males under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 26 and 45, one 45 and up, three females under 10, one between 10 and 16, two between 16 and 18, two between 18 and 26, and one between 26 and 45.

Children, recorded at Tiverton (James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850*, 21 vols. [Providence, R.I., 1891-1912], 4:83). Others probably born in New York State, possibly as many as nine sons and several more daughters:

- i. POLLY<sup>6</sup>, b. 12 June 1797.
- ii. RUTH, b. 24 Sept. 1798.
- iii. REBECCA, b. 2 June 1800.

**176.** GEORGE<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Christopher*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Westport, Mass., 21 July 1759, and died at Westport Point, 20 March 1826 (*Westport VRs*, 48; H. E. Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy* [Wollaston, Mass., 1896], 13). He is called "Capt." He married at Dartmouth, Mass., 11 Nov. 1784 EUNICE ALMY, born 29 Oct. 1763, died 9 Jan. 1850, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Sisson) Almy (*Dartmouth VRs*, 1:27, 2:198). Eunice is mentioned in the will of her father Joseph Almy of Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y., proved 6 Nov. 1824.

By a deed of 6 March 1782 Christopher Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, for £60, paid by George Gifford, conveyed to him land at Dartmouth. In the deed he is called "my son George Gifford of Dartmouth, labourer" (Bristol County, Massachusetts, Deeds, 10:293). The will of Christopher Gifford names George first among his six sons.