

175. THURSTON⁵ GIFFORD (*Richard*⁴, *Christopher*³⁻², *William*¹) 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 Christopher³ 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. POLLY⁶, b. 12 June 1797.
- ii. RUTH, b. 24 Sept. 1798.
- iii. REBECCA, b. 2 June 1800.

176. GEORGE⁵ GIFFORD (*Christopher*⁴⁻³⁻², *William*¹) 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.

The census for 1790 shows George Gifford at Westport with a family of one male over 16, three under 16 and two females. In 1800 the family had grown to three males under 10, two between 10 and 16, one between 26 and 45, one female under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. In 1810 the household consisted of two males under 10, two between 10 and 16, two between 16 and 26, one 45 and up, two females between 16 and 26, and one 45 and up.

Children, recorded at Westport:

- i. TILLINGHAST A.⁶, b. 20 Sept. 1785; d. "1854 at New Bedford" (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 21); m. at Westport, 10 March 1805 MARY ROBERTSON [*sic*], dau. of William Robinson of Nantucket. Issue.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. 22 Nov. 1786; "lost at sea" (*ibid.*).
- iii. SALLY, b. 8 Aug. 1788; d. 15 Aug. 1848 "ae. 60, wid."; m. GIDEON COFFIN of Nantucket whom she survived (*Westport VRs*, 268).
- iv. PARDON A., b. 17 June 1790; d. "at Cambridge, Mass." 16 Dec. 1835 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 21). H. E. Gifford states that Pardon Almy Gifford married at Cambridge, 10 Feb. 1847 Eliza Ann Whittemore, dau. of the Rev. Thomas Whittemore, D.D., preacher and publisher, and moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1848 (*ibid.*, 29). This is obviously an error since Pardon Gifford had died twelve years before. The man who married in Cambridge Eliza Ann Whittemore was George P. Gifford (Cambridge Marriage Records). Massachusetts records do not reveal the parents of George P. Gifford, although Milwaukee records may provide the answer.
- v. CATHERINE, b. 24 May 1792; apparently living, unmarried, at the date of the 1810 census.
- vi. HUMPHREY A., b. 11 Dec. 1794; d. 1 April 1868 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 21); m. at Westport, 16 May 1821 PHEBE DAVIS, b. 21 May 1799, d. 7 Sept. 1880. Nine children (*ibid.*, 30).
- vii. ANTHONY ALMY, b. 14 May 1799; m. at Westport, 14 April 1824 HANNAH SWIFT of Fair Haven, b. 26 Oct. 1797 (*Westport VRs*, 160), dau. of Samuel and Eleanor (Sherman) Swift of Rochester and Wareham, Mass. Five children.
- viii. GEORGE A., b. 14 April 1801; apparently living in 1810.
- ix. JOSEPH ALMY, b. 25 June 1803; m. (1) at Westport, 13 Jan. 1828 MARY ANN TABER (*ibid.*, 164); m. (2) at New Bedford, 29 Sept. 1844 PHEBE (HOWLAND) JOHNS "wid., ae. 36 of N.B.," dau. of Daniel H. and Hulda (—) Howland. He is called "ae. 41, widr., shoemaker of N.B." (*Vital Records of New Bedford, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 3 vols. [Boston, 1932], 221).

177. JONATHAN⁵ GIFFORD (*Christopher*⁴⁻³⁻², *William*¹) was born at Westport, Mass., 19 Oct. 1761, and died 17 Nov. 1853. While his birth is recorded at Westport, the death date is not confirmed. He married first at Dartmouth, Mass., 11 Oct. 1781 HANNAH CASE whose dates and parentage have not been found. They are called "both of Dartmouth."