

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."

(*Dartmouth VRs*, 2:200). He married second at Westport, 22 May 1817 HOPE MACOMBER who has not been identified. The marriage record calls her "Mrs.," but the intention shows "Mrs." crossed out (*Westport VRs*, 164).

There were several contemporary Jonathan Giffords in the Dartmouth-Westport area, but we believe that this man is the Jonathan Gifford listed in the 1790 census at Westport with a family of one male over 16 and four females. In 1800, also at Westport, we find one male under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 26 and 45, two females under 10, one between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one between 26 and 45. The 1810 census lists the family as one male under 10, two between 16 and 26, one over 45, one female under 10, two between 10 and 16, one between 16 and 26, and one over 45. From census records we suggest nine children in all by the first wife, although H. E. Gifford (*Gifford Genealogy*, 21) names only eight. We hope that some reader may know of a Bible or family account book which would confirm our findings. Unfortunately the births of the children of the first wife, Hannah, were not recorded as such in the Westport records. Parentage is not given for the daughters Barbara and Sophia although birth dates are found for them. Further research in Bristol County deeds and other records may fill in the picture.

Children by first marriage:

- i. BARBARA⁶, b. 12 Nov. 1782 (g.s. Friends Cemetery, Gifford's Corner, Westport). No death date is given but, if the birth date is correct, H. E. Gifford is in error in calling her the eighth child (*Gifford Genealogy*, 21).
- ii. AMY, b. ca. 1785; m. 6 Dec. 1807 JOB WHITE (*Dartmouth VRs*, 2:194).
- iii. MARY, b. ca. 1787; m. at Westport, 1 Jan. 1809 EASTON HOWLAND, b. 11 Dec. 1785, son of John Wing and Meriam (—) Howland. In the marriage record she is called "dau. Jonathan" (*Westport VRs*, 165).
- iv. BARNABUS, b. ca. 1791; m. at Dartmouth, 28 Feb. 1815 ZELPHEA BRIGGS (*ibid.*, 160).
- v. ABNER, b. ca. 1793. He is listed as second child by H. E. Gifford (*Gifford Genealogy*, 21).
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1795.
- vii. SOPHIA, b. 4 March 1798 (*Westport VRs*, 51); m. at Westport, 11 Nov. 1822 DAVID WING, b. 30 April 1789. Ch. (surname *Wing*): 1. Abby Sherman, b. 19 Feb. 1823, m. 7 Feb. 1842 Richard Sherman Gifford, b. 13 Sept. 1817, son of Elijah Gifford (#157). 2. Charles, b. 17 Oct. 1827 m. Mary Jane Brightman, granddau. of Samuel and Esther (Gifford) Brightman, great-granddaughter of Wilbour⁵ Gifford (#156).
- viii. CHARLES, b. ca. 1801; H. E. Gifford lists him as the third child and states that he went to New Hampshire (*Gifford Genealogy*, 21).
- ix. SON(?), b. ca. 1803-4.

Child by second marriage, born at Westport:

x. CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL, b. 26 Sept. 1817.

178. PERRY⁵ GIFFORD (*Christopher*⁴⁻³⁻², *William*¹) was born at Westport, Mass., 11 Nov. 1763, and died there, 17 Nov. 1819 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 13). He married first at Dartmouth, Mass., 13 Nov. 1788 ABIGAIL ALMY, born 29 July 1765, died 26 April 1792, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Sisson) Almy and sister of his brother George's wife (*Dartmouth VRs*, 1:26, 2:204; Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 21). The will of her father, Joseph Almy, dated 21 May 1813, gives to "my grand daughter Abigail Wing, daughter of Perry Gifford, \$10." He married second at Westport, 8 March 1795 RUTH RUSSELL of Westport, born 15 Jan. 1775, died 6 Sept. 1857.

By a deed recorded in 1789 Perry Gifford bought land at Westport from Micajah Wilcox, and the same year purchased more land from John Wing (Bristol Deeds, 12:132, 186). In 1800 his father, Christopher Gifford, gave him more land at Westport (*ibid.*, 15:491).

Perry Gifford is not listed in the 1790 census, but in 1800 he is shown at Westport with a family of one male under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. Only one female is listed, aged between 26 and 45. The 1810 census finds him still at Westport with a family of one male under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one 45 and up. Oddly it shows only two females, one between 16 and 26 (Abigail?) and one between 26 and 45. Since there is no female child under 10 it is possible that the birth date given by H. E. Gifford for Lydia is in error (*Gifford Genealogy*, 22).

The will of Perry Gifford of Westport, mariner, dated 10 Nov. 1819, proved 16 May 1820, gives to his beloved wife Ruth household goods, wearing apparel and "the use and profit of all my real and personal estate" as long as she remains his widow. He gives to his son Russell "the choice of my guns" and names him sole executor. His daughter Abigail Wing is bequeathed \$80 "to be paid by my sons Russell and Christopher Gifford, equally, one year after the death or marriage of my wife." The dwelling house and the lot on which it stood were to go to William and Perry Gifford, equally, at the death or marriage of their mother. His daughters, Lydia, Angeline and Emeline, were to be provided by his sons Russell and Christopher with a decent and comfortable support and given the privilege of a home in the dwelling house. On the death or marriage of their mother they were to be given, also \$100. "All the rest and residue of my Estate" to Russell and Christopher on the death or marriage of their mother. The will was witnessed by Pardon Allen, Jethro Howland, and Thomas W. Mayhew (Bristol County, Massachusetts, Probate, 57:42).