

Child by second marriage, born at Westport:

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

**178.** PERRY<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Christopher*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) 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).

## Children by first marriage, recorded at Westport:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, b. 17 June 1789; "lost at sea" Sept. 1806 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 21).
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 25 April 1792; d. 29 Dec. 1867; m. at Westport, 20 Jan. 1811 BARNEY WING, b. 3 Aug. 1788, son of Joseph Wing.

## Children by second marriage, first child recorded at Westport:

- iii. RUSSELL, b. 17 Oct. 1796; d. 13 Dec. 1869; m. (int. at Westport, 22 March 1821) DELILAH ALLEN, b. 23 June 1797, d. 13 Oct. 1892. Four children.
- iv. CHRISTOPHER, b. 6 Aug. 1802 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 22); d. 23 June 1878; m. (int. at Westport, 27 Nov. 1823) ANNA (SISSON) HOWLAND, b. 18 Nov. 1801, dau. of David and Nancy (Howland) Sisson.
- v. LYDIA RUSSELL, b. 12 Aug. 1807 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 22); m. 10 Sept. 1829 NATHAN B. CAPEN of Charlton, N.Y. (Jessie Hale Tuttle, *The Capen Family* [Minneapolis, 1929], 258).
- vi. WILLIAM, b. 2 June 1812; d. 13 May 1831.
- vii. PERRY, b. 21 March 1814 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 22); m. (1) 26 Oct. 1840 LYDIA T. MAXWELL; m. (2) at Rensselaerville, N.Y., NANCY WOOD (ibid., 30). Perry Gifford had a son by the first wife and other children by the second.
- viii. ANGELINE, b. after 1810; mentioned in father's will.
- ix. EMELINE, b. after 1810; mentioned in father's will.

**179.** LUTHER<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Christopher*<sup>4-3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Westport, Mass., 6 March 1771, and died "in Nantucket, 29 Aug. 1843, ae. 72, merchant, of Consumption" (*Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, 5 vols. [Boston, 1928], 5:329). He is called Luthen and Luthar in various records. He married at Nantucket, 4 Sept. 1795 PHEBE COFFIN, born at Nantucket 18 Nov. 1772, daughter of Seth and Susanna (Barnard) Coffin.

Luther Gifford may have been a mariner frequenting Nantucket and thus marrying into the influential Coffin family of that island. We can find no record of him in the 1800 census, but in 1810 a Luther Gifford is the head of a family at Westport with four males under 10, one between 26 and 45, one female under 10, one between 26 and 45, and one 45 and up. This Luther is called Luthan in his father's will dated 23 Aug. 1817 (Bristol Probate, 58:37).

## Known children recorded at Nantucket (possibly others):

- i. LYDIA B.<sup>6</sup>, b. 5 May 1798; m. 16 May 1821 HARVEY CROCKER.
- ii. GEORGE H., b. 24 June 1802; d. "in Nantucket, merchant", 3 Feb. 1841; m. at Nantucket, 12 Jan. 1826 ELIZA JENKINS, dau. of William and Deborah (Russell) Jenkins (*Nantucket VRs*, 3:544, 5:329).
- iii. NANCY, b. 1 Feb. 1806; m. 22 Dec. 1831 HENRY GOODRICH (ibid., 3:545).