

ence (Gifford) Wing (William² Gifford, William¹), b. 11 Nov. 1717, d. in 1766. This family had moved to The Oblong by 1742. The will of John Wing of Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y., dated 6 Feb., proved 28 Aug. 1766, names his wife Hannah and five children.

v. LYDIA, b. 12 Nov. 1714. We note that one "Mrs." Lydia Gifford mar. (int. 10 Nov. 1750) GEORGE ROBINSON (*Vital Records of Dudley, Mass.*).

46. vi. GIDEON, b. 28 Nov. 1719.

18. GERSHOM³ GIFFORD (William²⁻¹), born 10 June 1679, was living in Wareham 11 June 1742. No probate of his estate has been found.

"Gershom Gifford of Falmouth, husbandman, son of William" married 11 day of 6 mo. 1704 "DEBORAH BOWERMAN, daughter of Thomas Bowerman of Falmouth, at the house of William Gifford" (*Sandwich Friends Monthly Meeting Records, 1646-1761*, p. 80). Deborah was born about 1681 and was evidently still living 17 November 1740 when she is named in the will of her mother's brother, Stephen Harper, who gives to "my kinswoman Deborah Gifford" and her elder sister Experience Gifford (see *The American Genealogist*, 48[1972]:216).

[The names appearing on the marriage certificate are of genealogical interest. It was signed first by the bride and groom: "Gershom Gifford, Deborah Gifford." On the left below, as was customary, appear the names of the male witnesses: William Gifford (father of the groom), Thomas Bowerman (father of the bride), Robert Harper (maternal grandfather of the bride), William Allin, Daniel Allin, Zachariah Jenkins, Gideon Hoxie (husband of Grace³ Gifford), Stephen Harper (uncle of the bride), Solomon Hoxie, Matthew Jones, Richard Landers, Samuel Bowerman (brother of the bride), and Isaac Robinson. In the center column appear the female witnesses: Rest Perry (who was soon to marry Jacob Mott. She was a sister of Deborah Perry, wife of Christopher² Gifford), Experience Gifford (sister of the groom), Dorothy Butler, Liddy Dillingham, Liddy Abit (who married Jonathan² Gifford), Mary Wing. On the right hand column, directly below the young couple's signatures appear the following: Mary Bowerman (This must have been Mary (Harper) Bowerman, the bride's mother.), Hannah Gifford (We suggest the possibility that this was the name of the otherwise unrecorded mother of Gershom Gifford.). It is true that the Quaker certification often named the mothers as well as the fathers on the certificate. In this case only the fathers are named, yet Mary Bowerman signed and Mary (Harper) Bowerman was the only one of that name at the time. Her father and brother also signed. If Hannah Gifford was not Gershom's mother, who was she?]

By a deed of 31 March 1718 Gershom Gifford of Falmouth, husbandman, bought from Medad Tupper of Sandwich for £14 "one quarter share of lands, swamps, and meadow ground, in Agawam, so called, within the liberties of the town of Plymouth." The deed relates that this property had come to the grantor under the will of his father, Capt. Thomas Tupper of Sandwich (PLCD, 15:139). Gershom Gifford, Thomas Tupper, Ebenezer Burges,

and Samuel Bates, all of Agawam, by a deed of 7 March 1720/21, agreed to partition land there. They acknowledged the instrument at a court at Sandwich 24 March 1721; it was recorded at Plymouth 19 September 1721 (*ibid.*, 193). Gershom Gifford "of Plymouth" bought for £40 from Silas Bourne of Sandwich a parcel of land in Agawam, 3 January 1726/7 (*ibid.*, 41:160).

Gershom Gifford "of Plymouth . . . for love, good will and parental affection" conveyed "to my son Joseph Gifford of the same town, labourer . . . all the estate, lands, meadows and cedar swamp which I have in the town of Plymouth, together with my dwelling house, barn and all buildings, orchards . . . which I have not already given to my son Benjamin Gifford, by deed of gift." A similar deed gives to the son Benjamin Gifford (dated 23 May 1723, recorded 1 April 1723—PLCD, 35:172, 173, 174).

On 25 June 1740 Gershom Gifford paid to his son Benjamin, £600 for all the land which in 1733 he had given him, and on 26 June 1740, the son Joseph paid his father £600 for the same property (*ibid.*, 35:48,49). These 1740 deeds describe the grantors and grantees as of Wareham, the reason being that the property was in that part of Plymouth called the Agawam plantation which had been annexed to the new town of Wareham 10 July 1739.

Children (birth records not found—identified from other records):

- i. BENJAMIN⁴, b. about 1705; mar. at Portsmouth, R. I., 6 Dec. 1731 MARY LAWTON (Town Records). Their intention was published 29 Oct. 1731—he was called "of Plymouth" and she "of Portsmouth" (*May. Desc.*, 18:122). They apparently lived in that part of Plymouth which, in 1739, became Wareham. We have seen that Gershom Gifford gave this son a tract of land in what was then called Agawam. In the same year Benjamin Gifford and Thomas Tupper, Jr., both of Plymouth, agreed to a division of land there which they held in common which "we both hold by deed from our fathers, Thomas Tupper and Gershom Gifford" (PLCD, 35:174). On 25 June 1740, Benjamin Gifford conveyed to his father for £600 the land given to him as a free gift by his father on 23 May 1733, together with the dwelling that he had built upon the land (*ibid.*, 35:48). We suspect that this instrument was made in preparation for Benjamin's departure to some unknown destination. It seems likely that he had issue, but as yet we have found no birth records.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. about 1707; mar. 18 Dec. 1734 JEDEDIAH WING (Rochester Vital Records), son of Elisha³ Wing (*Stephen², John¹*) and Mehitabel³ Butler (*Daniel², Thomas¹*), b. 29 Jan. 1697. Ten children, including a dau. *Abigail* who mar. Benjamin⁴ Gifford (*Jabez³, William²⁻¹*). This family removed to Dutchess County, N. Y.
47. iii. JOSEPH, b. about 1711.

19. JABEZ³ GIFFORD (*William², William¹*) was born in Falmouth, Mass., 7 February 1686/7, and he died in Dutchess County, N. Y., 30 1 mo. 1761 (Oblong Friends Monthly Meeting Records).

He married in Jamestown, R. I., in November 1716, DINAH SHELDON, daughter of John Sheldon of Kingstown, R. I., born in Kingstown in April