

- iii. MARY, b. ca. 1804; m. NICHOLAS TRIPP.
- iv. ABBY, b. ca. 1814; d. prob. s.p. bef. 1841; m. BENJAMIN GOULD.

186. ABNER⁵ GIFFORD (*Jonathan⁴, Silas³, Jonathan², William¹*) was born probably at Dartmouth, Mass., 18 Sept. 1780, and died 11 April 1864 "age 83y. 7m." (g.s. Ledyard, Cayuga Co., N.Y.). He married about 1803 MARY ALLEN, born in Rhode Island, 7 Dec. 1787, died at the home of her son Sanford, near Aurora, Cayuga Co., N.Y., 9 Sept. 1867 "age 79y. 9m. 2d." (g.s.). She is buried near her husband in the Allen-Gifford graveyard at Barbers' Corners, Ledyard.

From the inscription on Abner Gifford's gravestone we learn that he moved to Saratoga Co. in 1801 and Ledyard, Cayuga Co., 1 Feb. 1817. In Saratoga Co. Deeds (R:303) Abner and Mary Gifford, his wife, of Greenfield conveyed on 20 April 1815 for \$1000 to Prentice Brown of Greenfield, 49 acres, the south half of lot No. 2 of Lot No. 11 of the 22nd allotment of the Kayaderosseras Patent. The fifth parcel mentioned in the conveyance of 2 Feb. 1827 (*ibid.*, 0:132) from John and Cynthia Gifford to Samuel Cook was part of lot No. 7 of Lot 2 of Lot 7 of the 22nd allotment, 100 acres, which Abner and Mary Gifford had sold to John Gifford on 16 April 1816. It is apparent that Abner Gifford was preparing for his move to Cayuga County.

Cayuga Co. Quaker Records note the transfer "in 1817 from Galway, N.Y., of Mary, wife of Abner Gifford." (Howland, *Friends in Cayuga County*, 44.)

Abner Gifford appears in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses of Scipio and Ledyard (formed from Scipio).

The will of Abner Gifford, dated 3 Jan. 1861 and proved 28 April 1864 (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Box 53) mentions his wife Mary; sons, Abner S. and Sanford; Wealthy A. Gifford, widow of son Jonathan; grandsons George S., Elihu, Alden, and Ichabod, sons of Abner S.; and granddaughters, Abbie F. and Anna Elizabeth, daughters of son Sanford. The witnesses were Hicks Anthony and Nicholas Tripp of Ledyard.

The will of Mary Gifford "aged 78 and upwards, widow of Abner" was dated 2 May 1864 and proved 9 Sept. 1867 (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Box 60). She mentioned her son Abner S. and his sons, George S., Elihu, Alden, Ichabod, and Frederick; her son Sanford and his family; and her daughter-in-law Statira, mother of Abbie F. Lyon and Anna Elizabeth Gifford. Her son Sanford was named sole executor. The will was witnessed by Hicks Anthony and Coral C. White, Jr.

Children, dates of birth and death supplied in 1957 by Elizabeth (Lyon) Kabelac of Aurora, N.Y., from a Gifford Bible:

- i. ICHABOD WILBUR⁶, b. 12 Dec. 1808; d. 1 Aug. 1831; unm.
- ii. SANFORD, b. 8 Jan. 1812; d. 9 Nov. 1880; m. STATIRA J. WHITE, b. ca. 1812 in the area which became Tompkins Co., N.Y. Ch.: 1. *Abbie F.*, b. ca. 1839, m. Hiram D. Lyon. 2. *Anna Elizabeth*, b. ca. 1841, m. Howard Chase.

- iii. JONATHAN, b. 16 Sept. 1815; d. 11 Aug. 1860; m. WEALTHY A. ———, b. ca. 1825. The family tradition is that Jonathan was killed by a train in Madison, Lenawee Co., Mich. No issue.
- iv. ABNER SQUIRE, b. 29 April 1820; d. 16 April 1882; m. (1) EUNICE MACOMBER; m. (2) ca. 1860 MARY ANN SNUSHALL, b. in England ca. 1840. Seven children, four from the first marriage and three from the second. The petition of Mary Ann Gifford dated 25 April 1882, (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Box 205) lists the seven children and their addresses. On 13 May 1879 William Howland was appointed guardian for Arthur D. Gifford and Frederick C. Gifford, minors, and on 26 May 1882 Artful Snushall and Mary A. Gifford signed a petition in behalf of Viola E. Gifford of Ledyard, minor, who was aged 15 on 26 Feb. 1881 (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Boxes 124, 125). Ch.: 1. *George S.*, b. ca. 1845, of Weston, Mich., in 1882. 2. *Elihu B.*, b. ca. 1846, of Bozeman, Mont., in 1882. 3. *Alden L.*, b. ca. 1848, of Buena Vista, Calif., in 1882. 4. *Ichabod W.*, b. ca. 1850, of Storm Lake, Iowa, in 1882. 5. *Frederick Charles*, b. ca. 1862, m. 1880 Ada Watkins, d. 11 Dec. 1907. 6. *Arthur Daniel*, b. ca. 1864, m. 1895 Jessie Tripp. 7. *Viola E.*, b. 26 Feb. 1866, m. 1889 William W. Gifford, son of Charles and Amanda (Anthony) Gifford, b. ca. 1863.
- v. ABBY, b. 5 Feb. 1826; d. 25 Jan. 1830.

187. CORNELIUS⁵ GIFFORD (*Thomas⁴, Cornelius³, James², William¹*) was born probably at Lee, Mass., in 1781, and died at Pittsfield, Lorain Co., Ohio, 6 Nov. 1852. He was baptized in the Lee Congregational Church (*Records of the Town of Lee to 1801* [Lee, Mass., 1900], 250). He married at Lee, 30 Jan. 1806 HANNAH NYE, born at Lee, 17 Nov. 1793, daughter of John and Lois (West) Nye (*Vital Records of Lee, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* [Boston, 1903], 73, 152).

Cornelius Gifford's father, Thomas Gifford, died when Cornelius was a child. John Gifford and Daniel Wilcox, both of Lee, were appointed guardians, 5 Jan. 1796, to "Cornelius Gifford, a minor son of Thomas Gifford, late of Lee, dec'd" (Berkshire Co. Probate).

Very soon after his marriage Cornelius Gifford moved to Columbus, Chenango Co., N.Y., where all his children were born. From the account book of his youngest son, William Sidney Gifford, furnished by his granddaughter Frances Mariam Gifford of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, we learn the further movements of the family. He tells us that in 1834 they moved from New York to Ohio. They arrived at Cleveland, 1 Oct. 1834 and went on to Wellington where they stayed two weeks with the Oliver Wests. They proceeded

to Pittsfield and commenced clearing land. Moved into a log house, some two acres of land chopped. We cleared the same and sowed it with Wheat that fall. John and C.F.G. [his elder brothers, John and Cornelius Frary Gifford] chopped that winter some 18 acres. C.F.G. went to Windham Portage County in the