

- 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.** CORNELIUS<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Cornelius<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) 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

Spring. Our farm consisted of 96 acres of land which Father purchased in the fall of 1833 for twenty shillings per acre. Wild animals were very plenty: deer, Turkeys, wolves, Bears, Wildcats, hedgehogs. In the year 1839 two of my sisters were taken by death by Consumption. Lois West died 1841 in Windham.

Children, born at Columbus, N.Y. (Account Book of William Sidney Gifford):

- i. HARRIET<sup>6</sup>, b. 19 April 1807; d. at Pittsfield, Ohio, 19 April 1839, of consumption, unm. The account book notes "Harriet Gifford went to learn her trade — 1827."
- ii. LOIS, b. 6 March 1809 (*Lee VRs*, 48, with the notation "b. Columbus, N.Y."); d. at Windham, Ohio, 22 July 1841; m. 1 Feb. 1832 OLIVER WEST, prob. the son of Oliver and Thankful (Nye) West of Lee.
- iii. ELIZA, b. 10 Feb. 1811; d. 1844; m. SHELDON PALMER, b. 1809.
- iv. JOHN NYE, b. 12 Nov. 1812; d. 1884; m. March 1839 MARTHA MESSINGER, b. 18 Nov. 1818. Five children.
- v. SARAH, b. 9 April 1815; d. 23 Sept. 1839 of consumption, unm.
- vi. CORNELIUS FRARY, b. 10 Sept. 1817; d.s.p. 13 Nov. 1900; m. Oct. 1843 LUCINA WHITNEY, b. 3 July 1818, d. 10 Sept. 1904.
- vii. ESTHER, b. 1 March 1819; d. 9 March 1911; m. (1) 22 Feb. 1842 JOSEPH STONE, d. 26 July 1856; m. (2) in 1868 ABNER EARL, d. 1885.
- viii. WILLIAM SIDNEY, b. 8 Feb. 1821; d. at Camden, Lorain Co., Ohio, testate, 1 Jan. 1899; m. 12 June 1851 ISABELLA CANNAN, b. 31 Aug. 1824, d. 1 March 1900, dau. of John and Mary (Hamilton) Cannan, who migrated from Alston, Eng., to Lorain Co. Ch.: 1. *Lafayette*. 2. *Fremont*. 3. *Grant*, b. 16 April 1869, d. 24 May 1939, m. 6 Sept. 1899 Harriet Rose. (The daughter of Grant and Harriet, Frances Mariam Gifford, supplied the data on this family). 4. *Mary Eastman*. 5. *Martha Tennant*.
- ix. CORDELIA, b. 5 April 1824 (or 1825); d. 10 March 1916; m. 27 April 1848 MARK WHITNEY, b. 17 Dec. 1818, d. 2 Feb. 1907.

**188.** ALVAN<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Jesse*<sup>4</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>3</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lee, Mass., 13 Jan. 1794, baptized there, 18 May 1794 (*Records of the Town of Lee*, 157, 278), and died possibly in 1853. He married at Lee, 17 Nov. 1812 SUSANNA ROBERTS, born 11 Dec. 1793, died in 1874 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 24), daughter of Amos and Susanna (—) Roberts of Lee. She was a sister to Deborah Roberts who married Alvan's brother Abraham.

We know very little about this family beyond the births at Lee of twelve children. Marriage and death dates are from H.E. Gifford (*ibid.*, 24). Search in Berkshire Co. deeds and wills might add further details.

Children:

- i. INFANT, d. 2 Feb. 1813 (It is probable that the year should be 1814).
- ii. INFANT, d. 21 Nov. 1813 or 28 Nov. 1814 (Town Records).