

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

1697, living in 1761 when she appears on a list of the Oblong Friends Monthly Meeting.

A thorough search of the deeds in Rhode Island and Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York, is needed here. Jabez Gifford seems to have gone from Falmouth to Westerly, R. I., before 26 October 1724, when one Jabez Gifford was "warned out" of that place. At a town meeting: "voted Capt. Joseph Stanton his bond shall be taken in behalf of Jabez Gifford for the indemnifying this town from any charge . . . that shall acrew . . . by sd Gifford living in this town and his wife and children and the clerk of the Council shall Review the bond of £100 in behalf of the Council, 28 Dec. 1724." Jabez Gifford was (among some thirty others) paid 6s. from the estate of Eber Crandall (Council and Probate Records of Westerly, R. I. [1719-1731], 2:135, 136, 157). By 9 August 1743 when his brother-in-law, Samuel Willis, signed a release for him as an heir to his father's estate, Jabez Gifford had settled in Charlestown, R. I. It is said that he later moved to Dutchess County, N. Y. This allegation is supported by the records of the Oblong Friends Monthly Meeting.

Jabez Gifford was given £40 in his father's will (see above). This legacy implies that Jabez, unlike his brothers, had not before been given his share of the father's estate. It is probable that he would have used some of this bequest to purchase land, first in Rhode Island, then in New York.

Recorded data proves that Jabez Gifford had a daughter Catherine and a son William. It is alleged that he had also a son Benjamin and a daughter Sarah, and we place them here tentatively. It is likely that he had other children and we hope that some reader can furnish evidence to support or refute this.

Children, probably born in Rhode Island, possibly incomplete; no birth records found:

- i. CATHERINE⁴, b. 15 June 1718; d. 13 5mo. 1801 (Hopkinton, R.I., Friends Monthly Meeting Records); mar. (1) 6 Nov. 1735 HEZEKIAH COLLINS (Westerly, R. I., Town Records), son of John and Susanna (Daggett) Collins, b. there 18 Aug. 1707, d. 10 10mo. 1775 (Hopkinton, R. I., Records). (See G. K. Collins, *Descendants of John Collins of Charlestown, R. I., and Susanna Daggett his Wife* [1901], and South Kingston Friends Monthly Meeting Records, 1740-1820, p. 171.) Catherine mar. (2) 7 2mo. 1782 BENJAMIN HOXIE, son of John and Mary (Hull) Hoxie (Hoxie Genealogy). Twelve children. This is the line of Mrs. Elva (Collins) Thoeming, Route 2, Box 73, Morris, Ill. 60450, who has done much research on this Gifford family.
48. ii. WILLIAM, b. about 1720.
- 49.? iii. BENJAMIN, b. perhaps about 1722. Proof is yet to be found that this man is correctly placed here. See Benjamin⁴ Gifford (*Gershom*³).
- ? iv. SARAH, b. perhaps about 1730; mar. about 1754 ISAAC⁵ SHELDON (*Thomas*⁴, *Isaac*³, *John*²⁻¹), b. South Kingston 5 Aug. 1730. This couple had fourteen children, among whom were several with Gifford names: William, b. 1755, Justus, Gideon.