

20. JUSTICE³ GIFFORD (*William², William¹*) was born in Falmouth 12 October 1691, and he died there in March 1739.

"The marriage between Justus Gifford and RUTH GIFFORD, both of Falmouth was solemnized before William Bassett, Esqr, Justice of ye pe[a]ce at Falmouth the 4 day of January Anno Domini 1715/16" (Town Records, 1:23). She was a daughter of John³ and Desire (Bassett) Gifford, born 14 February 1699/1700, died after 11 February 1750.

At the Friends Monthly Meeting of 1 7mo. 1709 Justus Gifford, together with other members, subscribed to a petition showing that he was a member of the Sandwich Meeting. At the meeting of 23 May 1710, Justus Gifford signed as a witness to the marriage certificate of his sister Experience to John Wing. He evidently married "out of meeting." He was chosen surveyor of highways for Falmouth 3 March 1720/1. In 1730 he appears among the dissenters to the ministerial rate, so he may have rejoined the Quaker meeting.

By a deed dated 27 May 1734 "Justus Gifford of Falmouth . . . yeoman," for £36 paid by Benjamin Bordman [i.e., Bowerman] of the same town, conveyed a tract of land in Falmouth containing sixteen acres, bounded southerly by land of Elisha Tailer, easterly by a pond, etc. Signed: Justice Gifford, Ruth Gifford. Witnessed: Nathan Lewis, Samuel Palmer (recorded 21 Jan. 1734, Barnstable County Deeds, 16:257). This is another of the original deeds furnished by Arnold B. Gifford and Capt. Charles A. Davis.

The will of William² Gifford, dated 30 June 1737, gives "To my son Justice Gifford five shillings out of my moveable Estate, besides what I have given him before" and adds: "Further, tis my Will that my son Justice Gifford and Stephen Bowerman and Thomas Bowerman, Junr., be executors."

Justice Gifford died intestate, leaving an estate. A court record dated 26 March 1739 reads: "Whereas: Justus Gifford, late of Falmouth, yeoman, deceased," Thomas Shiverick was appointed administrator. On the same day Isaac Robinson, Benjamin Swift, and William Gifford, Jr., were directed to make an appraisal and present an accounting, and on 31 March this accounting was presented. It showed real estate, housing, land, and buildings, £868. Cattle, swine, and horse, £94. Sheep and the time of half a man, £34.8s. A note to Benjamin Gifford, £29.10s. Apparel, £27.5s. and other items, totaling £1,151. 9s. 4d., 17 April 1739. In a final accounting 12 May 1740, a long list of payments amounting to £222.3s.4d. are shown, including two items of £51.17s.9d. and £19.2s.10d. to Benjamin Gifford. This was Benjamin⁴ Gifford (*William³, John², William¹*), a first cousin to the widow, who acted as guardian to Justice Gifford's minor children. A balance of £60 was left "To divide to the widow and children, being the eldest [Reuben] a double portion, then makes six shares. Therefore the distribution made to the widow—£20. To the children not here named [Reuben] £13.6s.8d. and to the four others [Ruth, Catherine, Weston, and Silvanus] £6.13d.9d. each" (Barnstable County Probates, 5:460). Once again thanks to the original records provided by Mr. Gifford and Capt. Davis we have the missing heirs' receipts. These receipts show that the eldest daughter, Desire (Gif-

ford) Allen, had received her portion at marriage in 1738, as mentioned in her grandfather's will; that the daughter Ruth was living at the date of her father's death, but died without issue before 11 February 1750; also the son Silvanus died without issue before 10 May 1755.

The heirs' receipts read as follows: "September the 12 day 1746. Then received of Benjamin Gifford, colector, the sum of three pounds 6 shillings and 9 pence. Reuben Gifford." "Falmouth february the 11, 1750. Then received of Benjamin Gifford the sum of one pound five shilings lawfull money which is my part in full of the parsnel Estate of my daughter Ruth Gifford, dec'd. I say rec'd by me. Ruth Gifford." Two more receipts bearing the same date read: "Then rec'd of Benjamin Gifford the sum of twenty two pounds, four shilings Lawfull money which is in full of all accounts as he was gardeen and my equal part of Ruth Gifford, dec'ds Estait parsenal. I say rec'd by me. Reuben Gifford." "Then Recd of Benjamin Gifford ye sum of eleven pounds, two shilings lawful money which is in full of all accounts as he was my Gardeen and my part of Ruth Gifford, dec'd parsnel Estate. I

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Hammond, Jr." The next receipt reads: "Falmouth March 17, 1755 Benjamin Gifford as you are my Gardeen, I desire you to setel accounts with my brother Ruben Giford and pay him what money is due to me and his receipt shall be your discharge from me upon all accounts. By me Weston Gifford." A second receipt of the same date reads: "Then received of Benj Gifford my Gardeen the sum of five pounds, six shilings. I say rec'd by me. Weston Gifford." A final receipt reads: "May the 10th, 1755. Then received of beniamin Giford the sum of one pound sixteen shilings, the sheare as he was gardeen, which was our full proportion of the personal estate which belonged to our brother Salvanas Giford that deceased. Received by us Arthur Perry, Katherine Perry."

Children, recorded in Falmouth to Justus and his wife Ruth (Falmouth Town Records):

- i. DESIRE⁴, b. 9 Oct. 1717; mar. 30 Mar. 1738, JOHN ALLEN (Rochester Vital Records); not traced further.
50. ii. REUBEN, b. 10 Oct. 1723.
- iii. RUTH, b. 2 Apr. 1725; *d.s.p.* before 11 Feb. 1750.
- iv. CATHERINE, b. 9 June 1732; d. Lee, Mass., 5 Feb. 1818 (g.s. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee); mar. 28 Nov. 1751 ARTHUR PERRY (*John*³, *John*², *Ezra*¹). (See *Register*, 115 [1961]: 274.) Of their children: 1. *Ruth*, b. ca. 1753; mar. in 1774 Jesse⁴ Gifford and 4. *Joanna*, b. ca. 1759; mar. in 1780 John⁴ Gifford. From Catherine (Gifford) Perry descends, among many others, one of the compilers, M. W. McLean. From Catherine's brother Reuben Gifford descends Capt. Davis, who has given us such invaluable help.
- v. WESTON, b. 19 May 1733; d. 19 Jan. 1756 at Salisbury, Conn., "Weston Gifford of Falmouth, Mass., d. ae. 22 years at the house of Samuel

Bellows, after return from Crown Point" (Salisbury, Conn., Town Records, 1:243).

- vi. SILVANUS, b. 20 May 1738; living when named in his grandfather's will 26 Aug. 1749; *d.s.p.* before 10 May 1755.

21. WILLIAM³ GIFFORD (*William²⁻¹*) was born 16 February 1699/1700, and he died 5 December 1789. He left no probate.

He married 3 August 1727, MARY SWIFT (Falmouth Town Records), daughter of Benjamin⁴ Swift (*William³⁻²⁻¹*) and his wife Hannah Wing (*Samuel³, Daniel², John¹*), born at Sandwich 11 October 1706 (*May. Desc.*, 30:104), died 10 October 1777. We have found no probates for her parents. There is a problem here because Harry E. Gifford in his *Gifford Genealogy* stated that William Gifford, called "the younger," married Mary Dillingham. No proof for this statement is given. The children are listed as Zaccheus, Hannah, Elizabeth, Molly or Mary, Meribah, Annie, Content s [*sic*]. Others have copied these data verbatim (see *Representative Men and Old Families of Southeastern Massachusetts . . .* [1912], 5; George L. Randall, "Gifford Genealogy," 1953-1954, New Bedford Free Library). Winthrop Alexander in his *A Genealogy of the Dillingham Family* (N.p., n.d.), 32, gives an account of John³ Dillingham in which is shown: "5. (Perhaps) Mary who m. William Gifford, b. 16 Feb. 1699, of Falmouth, son William." We have considered this matter and we suggest the probability that Mr. Alexander, having seen the suggestion that a Mary Dillingham married this William Gifford, was unable, as we have been, to find any original record to support the statement, so he merely noted it with the word "perhaps." It is possible that Harry Gifford, writing a hundred years ago, may have seen some family papers in support of the allegation, but as he failed to find the actual record of the marriage of William Gifford and Mary Swift, this seems to us doubtful. It is a possibility that William Gifford had a second wife named Mary Dillingham, but it seems probable that some indication of this would appear in the Friends' records. We have found no Dillingham probates that are helpful.

This William³ Gifford is called "the younger" in all records to distinguish him from his first cousin, William³ Gifford (1673-1733), son of John² Gifford. The older William Gifford was called "junr.," and in 1727 he was married to his second wife, Experience (Bowerman) (Claghorn) Gifford, who survived him. Mary Swift, similarly, could not have married William² Gifford whose wife, Lydia Hatch, was living in 1727.

William Gifford "the younger," his wife, and her parents were all active in the Quaker meeting. He was among those Quakers who dissented from the ministerial tax in 1730, and, as we shall see, the marriages of his children also appear in the monthly meeting records.

Children recorded to William and Mary in the Falmouth Town Records, 1:154:

- i. MERIBAH⁴, b. 24 Dec. 1730; mar. 18 Oct. 1749 DANIEL⁵ WING, son of Samuel⁴ Wing (*Daniel³⁻², John¹*) and Dorothy Clifton (*Savery¹ and Dorothy (Borges) Clifton*). See Sandwich Friends Monthly