

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 (Burges) Clifton*). See Sandwich Friends Monthly

- Meeting Records and Rochester Vital Records. Children, surname *Wing* : 1. *Chloe*. 2. *William*. Perhaps others.
- ii. ANNE, b. 24 Oct. 1735; d. 29 5mo. 1823 (Vital Records of Nantucket); mar. 7 Sept. 1753 BARNABAS WING, d. 25 July 1802. In the Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1:220, he is called "of Rochester, blacksmith, son of Samuel and Dorothy, late of Sandwich, dec'd." The *Wing Genealogy* (1888) states that he had by his wife, there called "Hannah," at least four children. Through Dorothy (Burgess) Clifton, descendants of these brothers can trace back to William Brewster of the *Mayflower* (see the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* for September 1971).
 - iii. ELIZABETH, b. 21 Nov. 1737; d. Fairfield, Me., 4 July 1794; mar. 5 Dec. 1755 BENJAMIN BOWERMAN of Falmouth, son of Benjamin³ Bowerman (*Thomas*²⁻¹) and Hannah Wing, b. ca. 1729, d. Fairfield, Me., 25 Oct. 1784 "in his 56th year." All moved to Fairfield. Ten children.
 51. iv. ZACCHEUS, b. 25 Apr. 1740.
 - v. HANNAH, b. 24 Mar. 1743; d. in October 1822 (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1717-c.1850, p. 43); mar. 16 Oct. 1765 BARNABAS BOWERMAN (*ibid.*, Bk. 1762-1841, p. 12), son of Daniel⁴ Bowerman (*Benjamin*³, *Thomas*²⁻¹) and Joanna (Hathaway), b. Falmouth, 7 9mo. 1737, d. 15 12mo. 1789. Five children of whom a son, *Daniel*, mar. Martha Gifford, dau. Prince Gifford (see below).
 - vi. MARTHA, b. 8 July 1745; d. 6 Nov. 1836 "ae. 91 yr. 3 m. 29 days" (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records); mar. 11 Nov. 1784 JOSEPH HOLWAY, son of Gideon⁴ Holway (*Joseph*³⁻²⁻¹) and Experience (Wing), b. in Sandwich 12 May 1736, d. there, testate, in 1806. (See Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records above, p. 57.)
 - vii. CONTENT, b. 24 Sept. 1748; d. unmar. 26 7mo. 1814 (*ibid.*).
 - ? viii. ZEBULON, b. perhaps ca. 1750. We find no birth or marriage records for this man, but the 1790 Census shows Zebulon Gifford at Falmouth with a family of one male over 16 and four females. We suggest that he should be placed here pending further search. Zebulon is an uncommon name, as is Content. Mary (Swift) Gifford had siblings named Content, Zebulon, Hannah, and Elizabeth.
22. SILAS³ GIFFORD (*William*²⁻¹), was born in Falmouth 30 June 1715, and he died there, intestate, in 1761.

He married in Falmouth 1 March 1738/9, ELIZABETH WEEKS (Town Records), daughter of Ebenezer³ Weeks (*John*², *William*¹) and Mary (Rowley) Weeks of Falmouth, born 20 March 1724, died after 4 August 1761.

The will of William² Gifford, 1737, gives to this son Silas only five shillings "besides what I have given him." We have seen that his brother-in-law, Samuel Willis, signed a bond 9 August 1743 on behalf of Silas Gifford, his mother, and several siblings, in connection with the settlement of the estate of the father.

By a deed of 28 December 1756 Silas paid £5.12s. to his brother Melatiah for a lot in the Falmouth New Purchase (see below). He must not be confused with his cousin Silas Gifford, 1717-1800, son of Jonathan² Gifford.

The Court granted administration, 4 August 1761, to Moses Swift of Falmouth on the estate of Silas Gifford, yeoman, late of Falmouth, dec'd. The