

the maroon flat; a flat of an acre and twenty rods, distinguished by the name of Dye Pott. To my son Obadiah Gifford, my homestead farm, lying by Enos Gifford's farm; a tract of land lying upon Francis Tripp's homestead; the remainder of my salt marsh. . . . To my daughter Sarah Gifford [moveable estate, indoors, after the death of the widow or her remarriage and £100].

He directed that the residue of his estate be divided among his two sons, Job and Obadiah, and his daughter, Sarah Gifford. He named his son Job sole executor. The will was witnessed by Isaac Smith, Jonathan Tallman, Junr., and Josiah Wood (Bristol County Probates, 12:90).

Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

- 74. i. JOB,⁴ b. 28 May 1726.
- ii. SARAH, b. 1 July 1728; living unmar. 24 Oct. 1749 when she was named in her father's will. Since she was given a substantial legacy while young, she may well have married.
- iii. SIMEON, b. 29 Oct. 1730; *d.s.p.* before the date of his father's will.
- 75. iv. OBADIAH, b. 16 Aug. 1734.

30. ENOS³ GIFFORD (*Christopher*², *William*¹) was born 1 February 1693/4, and he died, testate, at Little Compton in May 1769.

He married about 1724, PHILLIS ALLEN, the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Allen of Dartmouth, born 24 February 1702, died, testate, shortly before 1 June 1790. Her sister Elizabeth married Gideon Gifford, and her sister Rachel married Ichabod⁴ Kirby, a grandson of Patience (Gifford) Kirby.

On 1 May 1728, Christopher² Gifford gave, for love and affection, several parcels of land in Dartmouth to this son (see above). On 10 February 1734/5, Enos Gifford bought more land there from Benjamin Wilbour, also of Dartmouth, for £30 (Bristol County Deeds, 4:248). In 1735 Benjamin Luce and Abigail, his wife, both of Edgartown in Dukes County, sold to Enos Gifford for £800 a tract of land in Dartmouth, described as coming to the grantors "from our grandfather Joseph Allen, formerly of Dartmouth, deceased . . . as per his deed of 12 June 1682" (*ibid.*, 4:137). Enos later paid £1000 to his father for the claim to that half share of land and meadow that his father claimed and that his grandfather bought from Sarah Warren of Plimouth (see above; *ibid.*, 4:136).

By a deed executed 17 March 1736/7, Enos Gifford sold to his brother Christopher "all my farm lying . . . on the West side of Acoxett River" for £800 (*ibid.*, 4:365), and a year later he sold sixty-three acres of Dartmouth land to Timothy Gifford for £1000. His wife, Phillis Gifford, released her dower rights (*ibid.*, 4:192). Then in 1741 he bought more Dartmouth land from Daniel Summerton (deed dated 31 Aug. 1741; *ibid.*, 5:121).

He was in Little Compton by 9 June 1746, when he sold Dartmouth land to Joseph Tripp of Dartmouth for £101 (*ibid.*, 5:408).

A deed of 26 January 1749/50, recorded 8 March 1756, shows that Enos Gifford and Phillis, his wife, both of Little Compton in the county of Newport, Rhode Island, and Increase Allen, yeoman, and Lydia his wife, and Ichabod Kirby and Rachel his wife, and Gideon Gifford, house carpenter, and

Elizabeth his wife, "all of Dartmouth," sold for £360 to Ezekial Chase and Ebenezer Petty, both of Swansea, a tract of land "given to us by our Honoured father, Joseph Allen of Dartmouth, late deceased, by his last will and testament" (*ibid.*, 6:259). These, then, were the "own sisters" of Elizabeth (Allen) Gifford to whom Gideon⁴ Gifford gave a bequest in his 1759 will.

The will of Enos Gifford of Little Compton, dated 5 January 1764, proved 6 June 1769, gives:

To my son Elijah Gifford all my farm lying in Dartmouth. . . . To my Son Canaan . . . the southerly part of my homestead farm. To my sons Elijah and Canaan, a cedar swamp in Dartmouth. To my son Enos Gifford the part of my home farm on which he now dwells. To my son Joseph . . . the rest of the homestead farm and 143 Spanish milled dollars. To my daughter Phillis Davenport, one Spanish milled dollar. To my daughter Dorcas Manchester one Spanish milled dollar. To my daughter Rachel Wilbur's children, one Spanish milled dollar. To my wife Phillis Gifford one good cow, all my money due, my side saddle, the use of the best room in the house . . . also the keep of a cow and of a beast, 10 lbs. of flax, 10 lbs. of wool, 12 bushels of corn, 100 lbs of pork, 100 lbs of beef, ten cords of wood, 10 bushels of apples, yearly [all to be provided by the son Canaan Gifford]. To my four sons, all live stock, and the residue of the estate.

He made his son Elijah Gifford sole executor (Bristol County Probates, 2:142). The inventory came to £3,994.18s.

The will of Phillis Gifford of Little Compton, dated 13 June 1781, proved 1 June 1790, gives:

To my son Elijah, one shilling. To my sons Canaan, Enos, and Joseph, one Spanish milled dollar each. To my daughter Dorcas Manchester, a brass kettle and worsted combs. To my grand daughters, Meribah Wilbur and Deborah Gifford, two beds and bedsteads and to Deborah my Bible. To my grandsons, Samuel, Jephthah, and Ezek Wilbur. . . . The residue to my two daughters, Phillis Davenport and Dorcas Manchester. The witnesses were Elkanah Palmer, Adam Hunt, and John Gibbs. She named her son Enos sole executor (Little Compton Wills, 3:194).

Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

- i. DEBORAH⁴, b. 2 Apr. 1725; d. 12 Jan. 1728/9.
- ii. RACHEL, b. 30 Mar. 1727; d. before 1781; mar. 7 Feb. 1751 EZEK WILBUR (Little Compton Vital Records). By a deed of 16 July 1759, Enos Gifford gives "to my beloved daughter, Rachel Wilbore, wife of Ezekial Wilbore," 100 acres in Dartmouth (recorded 14 Sept. 1764; Bristol County Deeds, 7:346). She is named, also, in her grandfather Christopher Gifford's will. Her mother's will, 13 June 1781, names her daughter Rachel Wilbur's children. Children (surname *Wilbur*): 1. *Meribah*, b. 22 June 1752; d. 26 Aug. 1834; mar., as his second wife, Daniel Gifford, son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Wilcox) Gifford. 2. *Deborah*, b. 11 July 1754. 3. *Samuel*, b. 3 Oct. 1756. 4. *Jephthah*, b. 18 Jan. 1759. 5. *Ezekiel*, b. 17 Jan. 1761.
76. iii. ELIJAH, b. 22 July 1729.
77. iv. CANAAN, b. 15 May 1731.
- v. PHILLIS, b. 14 May 1734; d. 16 Oct. 1819; mar. 23 Nov. 1759 GIDEON⁴

DAVENPORT (Thomas³, Jonathan², Thomas¹). See Bennett F. Davenport, "The Davenport Family," *Register*, 33 (1879): 29. She is named in the wills of her grandfather Gifford and in those of her father and mother.

- vi. DORCAS, b. 18 Aug. 1736; d. after 13 June 1781; mar. (int. 18 June 1756) THOMAS MANCHESTER (Edward³, Thomas²⁻¹). See Alden C. and Rita C. Manchester, "The Manchester Family of Rhode Island," *Register*, 102 (1948): 12. Enos Gifford, by deed of 16 July 1759, gave to his "beloved daughter Dorcas Manchester, the wife of Thomas Manchester of Little Compton" 100 acres in Dartmouth (Bristol County Deeds, 8:509).

78. vii. ENOS, b. 22 Mar. 1740.

79. viii. JOSEPH, b. 2 Jan. 1742/3.

31. CHRISTOPHER GIFFORD (Christopher², William¹) was born 15 April 1698, and he died, testate, in Dartmouth in 1767.

He married 6 June 1721, MARY BORDEN (Tiverton Vital Records), the daughter of Richard and Innocent (Cornell) Borden, born 29 January 1700/1 (*ibid.*), died 23 July 1786 (Westport Vital Records).

While the will of Christopher² Gifford gave this son Christopher only five shillings, the Bristol County deeds show that "Junr." certainly had his share of his father's estate. By a deed of 4 April 1730 Christopher Gifford of Dartmouth in consideration of parental love and affection conveyed to this youngest son the seven or eight acres called "Poca chock Point," on which his house stood (Bristol County Deeds, 5:478). Again, on 6 April 1736, he sold to Christopher, Jr., for £300 land at "Peckecheckpoint" (about sixty-four acres), which he had purchased from Daniel Wilcox in 1699, also his eighth part of the land in the 300 Division which he had bought from Thomas Coleman in September 1715 (*ibid.*, 4:111). Christopher, Jr., sold to Beriah Goddard of Dartmouth fifty-four acres of the latter parcel by a deed dated 17 March 1737 (recorded 10 March 1752) for £130, and the remainder to John Borden of Tiverton, Rhode Island, for £180 on 1 February 1751 (*ibid.*, 5:454; 5:403).

Beginning in 1726, Christopher Gifford bought and sold land in Dartmouth. By a deed of 2 January 1726/7 he bought a tract of land bounded on the north by land of the late William Macomber from William Eldredge, late of Dartmouth, now of North Kingston, Rhode Island, for £570 (*ibid.*, 3:185), and on 19 November 1734 he bought from Philip Taber a three-acre lot "lying between Philip Macomber's land and Horseneck" for £160 (*ibid.*, 4:112-113). He next bought, for £330, from Stephen Wilbour "late of Dartmouth, now of Kingston [Rhode Island]," a thirty-three-acre farm (deed dated 25 Mar. 1738; *ibid.*, 5:482), and by a deed of 11 May 1742 he paid £550 to James Cornell for the grantor's homestead farm, about thirty-seven acres adjoining Gifford's own land (*ibid.*, 5:481). His last recorded purchase of land was two tracts in Dartmouth for which he paid £1200 to Isaac Case of Little Compton on 10 September 1743 (*ibid.*, 6:460). The deed was not recorded until 13 June 1758.