

On 2 October 1742, Christopher Gifford, Jr., sold to Nathaniel Soule a 2 1/2-acre lot in Dartmouth for £150 (*ibid.*, 6:504; deed recorded 13 Jan. 1759). By a deed of 9 May 1750, he and his wife Mary Gifford sold a sixty-eight-acre farm to Thomas Cornell for £1960 (*ibid.*, 6:267).

An indenture, dated 31 December 1751, between Christopher Gifford and Isaac Tripp, both of Dartmouth (Tripp appearing on behalf of Robert Barker) concerns a 108-acre tract in Dartmouth (*ibid.*, 5:438). On 29 April 1755 his son, William Gifford, bought from him four acres in Dartmouth for £16, and on 11 February 1757 he gave to this son in consideration of love and good will two tracts of land "being part of the farm on which my sd son now dwelleth" (*ibid.*, 6:546). A final deed, dated 9 May 1763, conveyed to Joshua Cornell for £192 "a tract of land [about seventy acres] in Dartmouth, bounded by land I bought of William Eldredge, deceased" (*ibid.*, 8:313).

The will of Christopher Gifford, yeoman, of Dartmouth, was dated 27 August and proved 19 November 1767. It gives:

To my beloved wife Mary Gifford, my livestock of every sort and kind, excepting only my oxen, also all my provisions that I may have in store at my decease . . . household goods . . . ten acres of woodland to be laid out to her in the northerly part of my woodlot, lying adjoining to the westerly end of Isaac Cases homestead farm . . . northerly it joins to the land I shall herein give to my son William Gifford; Westerly on the highway . . . Easterly on part of my dwelling house . . . in lieu of dower. . . . To my well beloved son William Gifford three acres of salt meadow that I bought of Philip Taber, lying on the upper end of a sedge flat called Macomber's flat; one half of one eighth part of a share in the cedar swamps in Dartmouth; thirty acres which he has already fenced . . . one of my books called Robert Bartletts Epologie and one of my silver spoons marked with the letters D.G. and C.G. To my well beloved son Richard Gifford . . . four acres of salt meadow lying on the great flatt, called the Black bank in Acoakset River in sd Dartmouth, in satisfaction of a bond of £300; and one silver spoon marked with the letters D.G. and C.G. To my well beloved daughter Lusannah Cornell . . . my large new bible, two brass kettles, one half of my weaving gear . . . a spoon marked D.G. and C.G., and £66 in lawful money. To my grandson Christopher Cornell, my gun. To my well beloved grand son Abraham Gifford, one half of my Book called George Foxes Journall. To my beloved son Christopher Gifford, one bed, one half of my wearing apparel [and he gave him the residue of the estate and named this son sole executor]. Witnesses: John Soule, Job Almy, Junr., Israel Wood (Bristol County Probates, 20:211).

Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

80. i. WILLIAM¹, b. 29 June 1722.
 81. ii. RICHARD, b. 31 Dec. 1725.
 iii. LUSANNAH, b. 23 Aug. 1730; living 25 Aug. 1767 when she was named in her father's will; mar. 15 Mar. 1749/50 JOSHUA CORNELL (she is called the dau. of Christopher and Mary; see Dartmouth Vital Records).
 82. iv. CHRISTOPHER, b. 28 Aug. 1737.

32. PELEG³ GIFFORD (Jonathan², William¹) was born 14 August 1711, and he died at Conway, Massachusetts, in July 1802.

He married in Dartmouth 27 April 1743, ABIGAIL SHEPHERD (Vital Records), the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Sherman) Shepherd of Dartmouth, born circa 1725, died at Conway 24 January 1808, "ae. 82 yrs., 11 Mos."

As we have seen, his father's will gave Sandwich land to this son, Peleg. But Peleg Gifford followed his younger brother who had removed to Dartmouth as is seen by a deed of 25 June 1742: "Silas Gifford of Dartmouth . . . for £765 paid by Peleg Gifford of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable" sold a tract of 155 acres and a two-acre salt marsh in Dartmouth (Bristol County Deeds, 4:462). On 8 January 1747, Peleg Gifford of Dartmouth sold to Benjamin Hammond of the same town ten acres on the easterly side of his homestead for £40. Abigail Gifford released her dower rights (*ibid.*, 6:235). Then on 8 July 1755, Peleg Gifford sold to Joseph Gifford of Wareham, Plymouth County, for £300, 140 acres of Dartmouth land and buildings "which Joseph Russell of sd Dartmouth sold to Silas Gifford by his deed of 31 Dec. 1741, and also the lands which William Russell of Dartmouth sold to Silas Gifford by his deed of 30 Jan. 1741/2, which the said Peleg Gifford by his deed of 25 June 1742, purchased, except ten acres which sd Peleg Gifford has already sold to Benjamin Hammond of Sandwich." The deed was signed by Peleg and Abigail Gifford and witnessed by Samuel Willis, Mehitable Willis, Timothy Ruggles, and Anne Ruggles; it was acknowledged 9 August 1755 and recorded 9 March 1756 (*ibid.*, 6:256). The grantee was the son of Gershom³ Gifford. The witness Mehitable Willis was Mehitable³ Gifford, whose father, William² Gifford, was half-brother of Peleg Gifford.

Before 30 March 1767 Peleg Gifford had returned to Sandwich. On that date he sold a parcel of upland and salt marsh at Long Neck, adjoining land of Noah Fearing and Micah Gibbs, to Oliver Norris of Wareham for £24. Abigail Gifford released her dower rights on 22 February 1768 (Plymouth County Deeds, 57:53).

on 1 October 1778, Peleg Gifford of Sandwich conveyed to Israel Mosher of Dartmouth for £15 a tract of Dartmouth land "adjoining the East Branch of Acoxet River at Ephraim Potter's mill, containing half an acre of land for a landing and Mill Lot, likewise one quarter of a saw mill with all utensils thereunto belonging, to tend sd mill with." The deed was signed by Peleg Gifford; Abigail signed a quit claim. The witnesses were Benjamin Gifford and Jesse Mosher (recorded 4 Apr. 1780; Bristol County Deeds, 10:178).

The Sandwich Friends Meeting of 1 July 1791 gave a removal certificate to Peleg Gifford, his wife Abigail, and their daughter Mariah, to the Monthly Meeting at East Hoosuck, New York (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records).

Children (no birth records found):

- i. PELEG⁴, b. ca. 1744. Not traced.
83. ii. DANIEL, b. ca. 1746.
84. iii. CHRISTOPHER, b. ca. 1748.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. ca. 1751.
- v. MARIAH, b. ca. 1754; living unmar. in 1791.

- vi. MARY, b. ca. 1757.
- 85. vii. NOAH, b. ca. 1759.
- 86. viii. LEVI, b. 22 Dec. 1764. This birthdate is taken from the records of the Cane Creek Friends Monthly Meeting, Orange (now Alamance) County, N.C. (see William Wade Henshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy . . . North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends* [Ann Arbor, Mich., 1936], 1:123).

33. SILAS³ GIFFORD (Jonathan², William¹) was born 14 February 1716/7, and he died in Dartmouth, testate, 27 August 1800.

He married about 1736, RHODA GIFFORD, the daughter of Josiah³ and Mercy (Chadwick) Gifford, born at Sandwich 17 February 1715/6, died after 9 November 1796. Family tradition asserts that she and two of her sisters each died at the age of 93.

The will of Jonathan Gifford gave this son real estate. By a deed of 31 December 1741, Silas, then of Sandwich, bought from Joseph Russell of Dartmouth a tract of 150 acres in Dartmouth for £600. One month later "William Russell of the Oblong in the Province of New York" sold, for £100, to Silas Gifford a parcel of Dartmouth land, about fifteen acres with buildings and other improvements, which he had inherited from his father, Joseph Russell, then deceased, bounded "Northwest by sd Silas Gifford's land (which he bought of my father)" (Bristol County Deeds, 4:459, 416). William Russell acknowledged the deed at New Milford, Connecticut, on 9 February 1741/2. Silas Gifford sold about 155 acres of this land to his brother Peleg (see above).

Exactly when Silas Gifford removed to Dartmouth is uncertain. The births of his children were recorded in Sandwich.

By a deed of 12 April 1780 Silas Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, sold, for £250, to Jonathan Gifford, also of Dartmouth, "all that my homestead farm . . . in Dartmouth . . . and to the Southward of the country road that leads to Smith's gristmill to Noquechuck Bridge . . . about 18 acres . . . bounded on Stoughton Potter's land . . . westerly on Benjamin Gifford's, dec'd, land . . . With one other piece of land . . . about 60 acres . . . bounded sotherly by Joseph Soul's land and on the Russells. . . . Another piece of about 62 Acres." The deed was signed by Silas Gifford, his wife Rhoda releasing her dower rights, and witnessed by Humphrey Potter and Zoath Hammond. It was acknowledged 1 April 1794 and recorded 28 December 1801 (*ibid.*, 15:547).

The will of Silas Gifford of Dartmouth was dated 9 November 1796 and proved 7 October 1800. It bequeathed to his wife Rhoda Gifford, his son Jonathan, his daughter Seaberry Shearman, wife of George Shearman, and to his daughters, Ann, Marcy, and Bethiah Gifford. He named Ephraim Tripp of South Dartmouth, a friend, sole executor (Barnstable County Probates, 37:383).

Children, from the Sandwich Town Records:

- i. ANNE⁴, b. 11 Dec. 1737; unmar. in 1796 when she was named in her father's will.