

- 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.

- ii. MARCY, b. 17 Feb. 1739/40; d. probably after the date of the 1800 census when she appears to have been living in the household of her widowed mother in Dartmouth. She had one son, *Josiah*, evidently born out of wedlock in 1773. "Josiah, son Marce" is recorded at Dartmouth.
- 87. iii. JONATHAN, b. 2 Apr. 1742.
- iv. SEABURY, b. 27 July 1744; mar. 29 Oct. 1770 GEORGE SHEARMAN (Dartmouth Vital Records).
- v. CHARLES, b. 8 Dec. 1746; evidently *d.s.p.* before 9 Nov. 1796.
- vi. BETHIAH, b. 18 Feb. 1748/9; living unmar. 9 Nov. 1796.

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