

1784. 7. *Marah*, b. 18 Sept. 1786. 8. *Deborah*, b. ca. 1789 (not recorded). 9. *Cynthia*, b. 17 May 1792. 10. *Barnabas*, b. 18 Mar. 1795; d. 16 Apr. 1795. (See *Sandwich, Dartmouth, and Lee Vital Records*).
90. ii. JOHN, b. 29 Jan. 1757.
 iii. SARAH, b. 17 Sept. 1763; d. 20 Oct. 1855, Dover, Cuyahoga Co., O.; mar. (int. 1782) JEDEDIAH CROCKER, son of Noah⁵ Crocker (*Samuel⁴⁻³, Job², William¹*) and Content (Davis) (*Jedediah⁴, John³⁻², Dollar¹*) Crocker, b. ca. 1758. They removed about 1811, with other Lee families, to the area which is now Cleveland, O. Children, surname *Crocker*: 1. *Noah*, b. 3 Aug. 1783. 2. *Jedediah Davis*, b. 30 May 1785. 3. *Sarah*, b. 19 Mar. 1787. 4. *Samuel*, b. 17 Apr. 1790. 5. *Elizabeth*, b. 16 Apr. 1792. 6. *Polly*, b. 2 May 1795. 7. *Philena*, b. Aug. 1798. 8. *Aurelia*, bp. 9 Nov. 1800.
91. iv. JAMES, b. 1 Dec. 1765.
 v. WESSON, b. 15 Apr. 1768.
 vi. MARY, b. 14 Feb. 1773; mar. in Lee 19 Mar. 1796 REUBEN PENNOYER (*Lee Vital Records*).

38. THOMAS³ GIFFORD (*James², William¹*) was born 28 April 1728 (*Sandwich Town Records*).

He married first, 22 December 1748, CONTENT BORDEN of Freetown (*Dartmouth Vital Records*), d. after 1773.

He is said to have married second, one REBECCA TURNER.

Daniel Allen, Jr., was appointed guardian to this Thomas Gifford, his brother George, and his sister Sarah in March 1734/5.

If Thomas Gifford, unlike his older brothers, remained in Sandwich, this might account for the absence of records in Bristol County where his brothers settled. However, he married in Dartmouth.

The following list of children is supplied by James A. Stoddard (78 Dudley Drive, Bergenfield, N.J.), from records gathered by his grandfather, Henry Brayton⁹ Gifford (1865-1953).

Children:

92. i. JAMES⁴, b. 18 Dec. 1749.
 ii. GEORGE, b. 18 May 1753; d. after 9 Apr. 1796 and before the date of the 1800 Census in New Bedford; mar. (int. 1 Nov. 1774) AMY GRAY "both of Dartmouth" (*Dartmouth Vital Records*), dau. of Samuel and Lois (Sampson) Gray of Tiverton, R.I. Three deeds prove conclusively the parentage of Amy Gray. The first of these concerns the distribution of New Bedford land among the heirs of Lo[u]is Gray, out of her father Joseph Sampson's estate. These heirs included George Gifford and his wife "Ruhamy" (*Bristol County Deeds*, 14:92). The second deed shows that George Gifford and "Louamy" his wife of New Bedford conveyed to Henry Perkins, Amy's brother-in-law, one half of a tract that Amy and her sister Rebecca Perkins had received from the estate of her parents (*ibid.*, 94). The third deed strengthens the identification of George Gifford as the son of Thomas³ Gifford. George and his wife "Loamy" conveyed to James Gifford of Rochester for \$25.00 one half of a small lot which the grantors held in common with Rebeckah Perkins "which came to

them from their mother" (*ibid.*, 95). George Gifford, son of Thomas, is the only one of the name who could have married Amy Gray in 1774. James Gifford, son of Thomas and brother of the above George, lived in Rochester at the date of the 1790 Census.

George Gifford was deceased at the date of the 1800 Census when "Ruamy" Gifford is listed at New Bedford as the head of a household of one male under 10, two between 16 and 26, and one between 26 and 45 years. In the 1810 Census Ruamy Gifford is called "widow." The above evidence strongly suggests that George and Amy (Gray) Gifford had issue.

- iii. DINAH, b. 3 Mar. 1754; d. 7 Oct. 1773; mar. (int. in Dartmouth 2 May 1772) RICHARD COOKE.
- 93. iv. LEWIS, b. 21 Apr. 1757.
- v. REBECCA, b. 29 Jan. 1759. No further record.
- vi. THOMAS, b. 28 Apr. 1761; d. 21 July 1883; mar. in Dartmouth 25 Jan. 1787, ABIGAIL BENNETT. He is called Thomas, "Junr." The 1790 Census lists a Thomas Gifford in New Bedford, head of a family of one male over 16, one under 16, and three females.
- vii. ELINOR, b. 29 July 1763; mar. in Dartmouth 13 Mar. 1783 JEREMIAH BENNETT.
- viii. BARJONAH, b. 1 Feb. 1766. No further record.
- ix. REMEMBRANCE, b. 3 Jan. 1771; mar. in Dartmouth, 4 Nov. 1787 JONATHAN OMAN.
- x. NOAH, b. 1 Apr. 1773; mar. 17 July 1793, LOIS HOWLAND "of Middleborough" (*Dartmouth Vital Records*). As in the case of his elder brother, Thomas, we suspect that this Noah Gifford probably moved elsewhere.

Further research in Bristol County is needed on the family of Thomas³ Gifford.

37. JOSIAH⁴ GIFFORD (*Samuel³, John², William¹*) was born in Sandwich 12 February 1700/01, and he died there, testate, in 1784.

He married 21 June 1750 in Sandwich, ELIZABETH NYE, the daughter of Peleg³ Nye (*John², Benjamin¹*) and Elizabeth (Bryant) Nye of Sandwich, born there 22 May 1721, died after the date of the 1790 Census, when she is listed at Sandwich as the head of a family of one male over 15 and five females. The will of Peleg Nye, dated 17 October, with codicil dated 4 November, proved 8 December 1761, mentions his daughter Elizabeth Gifford. While the Sandwich Town Records, 1:169, identify the bridegroom correctly, George Hyatt Nye and Frank Best, *A Genealogy of the Nye Family* (1907), 60, call him "Joseph."

The will of John² Gifford gave to his "eldest son Samuel Gifford" one acre of Connecticut land, which he wished to go to Samuel's son, this Josiah. Land at Colchester, Connecticut, went to another grandson, Robert Ransom, so research in that area might prove fruitful in tracing the inheritance of Josiah.

We find no trace of Josiah Gifford in Sandwich until, at the age of forty-nine, he married Elizabeth Nye. By a deed of 23 June 1757 "Josiah Gifford of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable" and others conveyed to Thomas Prince of South Boston their rights to a warehouse there "which derives from the late Jonathan Loring of said Boston, deceased, by reason of his last will