

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 Thomas<sup>3</sup> Gifford.

**37.** JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Samuel*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) 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 Peleg<sup>3</sup> Nye (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *Benjamin*<sup>1</sup>) 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 John<sup>2</sup> 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

and testament" (Suffolk County Deeds, 90:192). We suspect that Josiah inherited from his mother's family land in Fairfield County, Massachusetts (now Maine), and in Hampshire County, near Springfield. Also, he seems to have bought land from Silas<sup>3</sup> Gifford (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>) and from the heirs of James<sup>2</sup> Gifford. Certainly he inherited or purchased part of the original William Gifford property at Springhill in Sandwich.

The will of Josiah Gifford of Sandwich, dated 29 January 1776, proved in 1784, bequeaths

To my wife Elizabeth [use during widowhood of one third of the real estate in Sandwich and one half of the household goods, but if she remarries, £6]. To my son Samuel Gifford all the land and real estate whatever that I own at Springfield and £46. To my son Lemuel Gifford . . . my lot lying on Springhill with the buildings thereon . . . all my homeland and meadow that lyeth below the road, it being all I purchased of Silas Gifford and all the land adjoining to it . . . Also one half of my land adjoining the Scorton (?) River; and one half my meadow I bought of James Gifford's heirs at Pine Island; my wood lot called the Long Lot which layeth above the springs adjoining my twenty acre . . . said Real Estate given to said Lemuel all layeth in the town of Sandwich . . . one half of my land at sheep Pasture (?) in the eastward part. To my son Joseph Gifford . . . lands and meadows in Sandwich and to eastward not disposed of to son Lemuel. To my daughter Abigail Gifford, one bed and furniture . . . and £13 . . . at twenty one or on her marriage day; two thirds of my household goods and the privilege to live in my house until her marriage. To my sons Lemuel and Joseph Gifford live stock, husbandry tackling, two looms and stays (Barnstable County Probates, 23:220).

#### Children recorded in Sandwich:

94. i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 30 Mar. 1751.
95. ii. LEMUEL, b. 1 Dec. 1752.
- iii. JANE, b. 20 Nov. 1754; d. 20 Nov. 1756.
96. iv. JOSEPH, b. 12 Aug. 1756.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. 7 May 1758; mar. 6 Feb. 1806 LEVI CROSBY.

**38.** SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*John*<sup>3-2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 21 April 1705, and he died in Rochester between 26 August 1749 and 10 July 1750, intestate.

He married in Sandwich 8 January 1730/1, MARY LUMBERT, who has not been identified.

Samuel Gifford was given all the real estate in his father's will of 26 August 1749, in which he was named sole executor. But evidently he died rather unexpectedly before 26 August 1750, when the inventory of Samuel Gifford's estate was presented by the widow Mary Gifford. The court appointed the widow administratrix of the estate of her father-in-law. Her accounting is dated 13 July 1751, at which time she also submitted an accounting of the intestate estate of her husband (Plymouth County Probates, 12:360). No names of children appear in the probate ledger. There is a possibility that additional data may be found in the docket files. We have seen that John<sup>3</sup> Gifford named his grandchildren Ruben, Katherine, Wesson, Salvanus, Huldah, Desire, and Justice Gifford and Desire Allen (who had