

Child, by first wife, Martha Robinson:

- i. MARTHA⁵, b. ca. 1728; d., evidently unmar., after the date of her father's will.

Children, by second wife, Hannah Eldred:

98. ii. PRINCE, b. July 1746 (Falmouth Town Records).
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. ca. 1748; d. Sandwich 22 Apr. 1788, "ae. 40." (Sandwich Church Records); mar. 25 Feb. 1766 JOHN NYE (Falmouth Town Records), son of Benjamin⁴ Nye (*John³⁻², Benjamin¹*) and Mary (Swift) Nye (*Samuel⁴ Swift* and Ruth (Hatch) Swift), b. Falmouth 1 Nov. 1741. John Nye, by a quit claim to Prince Gifford, affirmed the £240 and the three silver spoons in full for the legacy given to Abigail Nye in her father's will. Children, surname *Nye*: 1. *Hannah*, b. 17 July 1769; mar. 20 Jan. 1791 Bethuel Bourne. 2. *Benjamin*, b. 12 June 1771. 3. *Reuben*, b. 6 July 1773; d. 18 Oct. 1804. 4. *Prince*, b. 12 Nov. 1775; mar. (1) Sarah Pease; (2) Fannie Fish. 5. *Warren*, b. 20 Jan. 1778; d. 20 May 1863; mar. (1) 16 Feb. 1800 Joanna Gibbs; (2) Hannah Gibbs. 6. *Ebenezer*, b. 29 Dec. 1781. 7. *John*, b. 10 Jan. 1784; d. 2 Oct. 1872; mar. 11 Feb. 1821 Lavinia⁶ Gifford (*Ebenezer⁵, Christopher⁴, Josiah³, John², William¹*). 8. *Moses*, b. 24 Mar. 1788; d. 10 Aug. 1788. The widower, John Nye, mar. (2) 19 Aug. 1798 Phebe (Gifford) Noble, dau. of Christopher⁴ Gifford (*Josiah³, John², William¹*) and widow of Jesse Noble.

40. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Yelverton³, John², William¹*) was born circa 1728, and he died in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, 6 February 1760, "ae. 32" (James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850* [Providence, R. I., 1891-1912], 1:118).

He married circa 1744/5, MARGARET. She was probably the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sheffield) Waight or Waite (Bates Collection, microfilm #5309, pt. 4, Latter Day Saints Library, Salt Lake City, Utah). However, some searchers claim that she was Margaret Sweet or Margaret Johnson, but no evidence to support the claim is furnished. Further research in East Greenwich probates and deeds is needed here.

The will of Yelverton Gifford names three grandsons, Peleg, John, and Josiah. As there seems to have been only the one son, John, who predeceased his father, these boys would appear to be the sons of John⁴.

Children, born at East Greenwich (Arnold, *R. I. Vital Record*, 1:118):

- i. WAIGHT⁵, b. 30 Dec. 1745; mar. 26 May 1763 GEORGE VAUGHN (*ibid.*).
99. ii. JOSIAH, b. 18 May 1748.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 28 July 1750; mar. 17 Dec. 1769 BENJAMIN TIBBETS (*ibid.*).
- iv. PELEG, b. 13 July 1753; mar. 27 Mar. 1774 SARAH PEARCE (*ibid.*). A Mrs. Sarah Gifford d. in Providence, R. I., in 1793

in her 79th year (*United States Chronicle* [Providence], 19 Jan. 1793). She is probably the Sarah Gifford listed in the 1790 Census at Providence as head of a household of two females. It is possible that this Peleg had issue.

- v. BENJAMIN, b. 6 Sept. 1755; d. 3 Feb. 1759 (Arnold, *R.I. Vital Record*, 1:118).
- vi. JOHN, b. 29 Apr. 1758; d. before 29 Apr. 1786; mar. 30 July 1779 MEHITABLE BURKITT. A Mrs. Mehitable Gifford, widow of John Gifford, mar. Thomas Bennett. There may have been issue.

41. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Josiah*³, *John*², *William*¹) was born 2 May 1717, and he died, testate, at Falmouth in 1785.

He married 25 March 1742 LUCIANNA HATCH, daughter of Abial and Rebeckah (Wing) Hatch, born circa 1721, died before 18 April 1783, when she is not named in her husband's will (see Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1:154). Considerable confusion has been caused by the fact that in one account John Gifford is said to have had a wife Rebecca Jones. A study of the Friends records and of the Jones family shows that Luciana's mother, the widow Rebecca Hatch, married Shubael Jones.

John Gifford may have left Falmouth for a time as the births of only three children are recorded there. If so, he had returned before April 1783 when his will was executed.

An original deed from the Gifford/Davis collection, dated 9 October 1784, shows that John Gifford, house carpenter, sold Barnabas Bowerman a piece of marsh or meadow containing approximately three acres for £64.15s. John Gifford personally appeared and acknowledged the deed on 20 January 1785.

The will of John Gifford of Falmouth, dated 18 April 1783, proved after 20 January 1785, gives

To my two daughters, Susannah and Rosannah [the improvement of his dwelling house], and one quarter acre of land adjoining it, as long as one or both of them shall live unmarried [household goods to be equally divided between them]. To my three eldest sons, David Gifford, Jesse Gifford, and Lot Gifford, that piece of land where Jesse's house now stands, to be equally divided. . . . To my four younger sons: John, Christopher, Paul and Abner, all my homestead land and my salt meadow, to be equally divided amongst them.

The will was witnessed by David Crowel, Cella Crowel, and Stephen Bowerman. His son Jesse Gifford was named sole executor (Barnstable County Probates, 23:476).

Children, the births of the first three recorded at Falmouth:

- 100. i. DAVID⁵, b. 22 June 1741.
- 101. ii. JESSE, b. 23 Feb. 1745.
- 102. iii. LOT, b. 13 June 1747.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. ca. 1749; living unmar. 18 Apr. 1783.