

d. 1 Apr. 1852; mar. 19 Jan. 1815 Kimball Perry (Lydia B. P. Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Ezra Perry of Sandwich, Mass. (ca. 1625-1689)," *ibid.*, 116 [1962]: 193). The Reverend Frederick Freeman, author of *The History of Cape Cod . . .* (Boston, 1860), was her stepbrother, as her mother mar. (2) the Honourable Nathaniel Freeman.

- iv. HANNAH, b. 20 Feb. 1765; living 24 Apr. 1796.
- v. JEMIMA, b. 10 Aug. 1767; mar. 29 Nov. 1804 SIMEON WEST (Sandwich Town Records).
- vi. MARIA, b. 6 Aug. 1770. She is said to have been taken to New York City to live with the family of her brother, Benjamin.
- 105. vii. BENJAMIN, b. 6 Sept. 1773.
- 106. viii. ALDEN, b. 10 July 1775.
- 107. ix. NATHAN, b. 10 Feb. 1779.

**43.** CHRISTOPHER<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Josiah<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 22 November 1722, and he died at Falmouth, intestate, 17 May 1802 (Falmouth Town Records).

He married in Sandwich 6 November 1748, REMEMBER NYE, the daughter of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Nye (*John<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>*) and Deborah (Tobey) Nye (*Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1730, died in Falmouth 13 October 1802 (Town Records). She is named in the wills of her father (27 August 1748) and her uncle, John Nye (dated 1757).

We can find no record of the births of the children of Christopher and Remember Gifford. At some point he left the Society of Friends, as we find from the Falmouth First Church records that Remember, wife of Christopher Gifford, was baptized there on 11 August 1765, and admitted to full communion. Bethuel, Ebenezer, Phebe, Hannah, Mary, and Sarah, the children of Christopher and Remember Gifford, were baptized 13 October 1765; three other children were baptized separately later (Falmouth Church Records, 1: 55, 56, 59, 63).

The 1790 Census lists Christopher Gifford with a family of two males over 16, five under 16, and eight females. From this it appears that Bethuel, Ebenezer, and Isaac lived in the father's household.

#### Children:

- i. PHEBE<sup>5</sup>, b. ca. 1750; mar. (1) in Falmouth 29 Dec. 1768 JESSE NOBLE (Town Records). Children, surname *Noble*: 1. *Jesse*, b. ca. 1769. 2. *Mary*, b. ca. 1771. 3. *Sarah*, b. ca. 1773. Phebe Noble of Falmouth was appointed administratrix on the intestate estate of her deceased husband 2 Feb. 1798 (Barnstable County Probates, 25: 181). She mar. (2) in Falmouth 19 Aug. 1798, JOHN NYE (*Benjamin<sup>4-3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>*), widower of Abigail Gifford.
- ii. HANNAH, b. ca. 1752; mar. in Falmouth 15 Dec. 1771 EPHRAIM CHADWICK (Town Records). Not traced further.
- iii. BETHUEL, b. ca. 1754. Not traced further.
- 108. iv. EBENEZER, b. ca. 1756.

- v. MARY, b. ca. 1758.
- vi. SARAH, b. ca. 1762; mar. in Falmouth 29 Nov. 1787 (Town Records) THEOPHILUS FISH, son of Samuel and Sarah (Dimmock) Fish of Falmouth, b. ca. 1764. Not traced further.
- vii. RHODA, b. August 1766; d. 16 Nov. 1826.
- viii. ISAAC, bp. 16 Apr. 1769; mar. 5 Apr. 1790 JANE SANFORD. Children: 1. *Parthena* (?), b. ca. 1792. 2. *Emeline*, b. ca. 1794; mar. Reuben Hamblen (?) of Wareham. Not traced further.
- ix. SUSANNAH, bp. 4 Aug. 1771; mar. 9 Jan. 1805 JESSE CROWELL.
- x. LOVE, bp. 1 Aug. 1778; d. in 1871 aged 96; mar. 15 Apr. 1804 CAPT. AARON NYE.

**44.** BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Josiah*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 June 1732, and he died, testate, at Dartmouth in 1779.

He married (int. in Dartmouth, 13 September 1760) RUTH WHITTEN, widow of John<sup>2</sup> Shepard (Daniel<sup>1</sup>) of Portsmouth, R. I. (Gerald F. Shepard, *Shepard Families of New England* [New Haven, 1973], 3:11).

Benjamin Gifford owned land in Bristol County in 1778. Whether the land came to him by inheritance or by purchase has not been determined.

The will of Benjamin Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 25:10 mo:1778, proved 4 March 1779 gives

To my son Stephen Gifford, my farm bought of Joseph Mosher, my salt meadow on the great flat in Accoakset River [he to take possession at the conclusion of Thomas Howland's lease]; live stock; one half of the farming utensils [to be delivered when he is of age, and one half wearing apparel]. To my son Chadwick Gifford, my farm bought of Daniel Rogers [he to take possession at 21, the other half farming utensils and wearing apparel]. To my son Benjamin Gifford, land bought of George Sherman [when 21]. To my daughter Grace Gifford, one half household goods or indoor moveables and 20 silver dollars, to be paid by my son Stephen when she comes of age. To my daughter Ruth Gifford, the other half of indoor moveables, my great Bible, twelve silver dollars, to be paid by son Chadwick when she arrives at lawful age. My intent is that my executor sell my salt meadows, marsh that I bought of Nicholas Howland in order to discharge debts [and to sell more of the livestock if necessary].

He appointed "my friend James Sowle,2d" as guardian of his children and as sole executor. The witnesses were Ephraim Potter, Jacob Chase, and Mercy Gifford (Bristol County Probates, 26:7).

Children (no birth records found):

- i. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup>, b. perhaps ca. 1761.
- ii. CHADWICK, b. perhaps ca. 1763; living 16 Mar. 1822 when he witnessed a deed of William and Anna Potter of Dartmouth.
- iii. GRACE, b. ca. 1765; mar. 2:2mo. 1781 NATHANIEL SISSON. They removed to the Nine Partners' grant, Dutchess Co., N. Y., by 1783.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. ca. 1767-1770.
- v. RUTH, b. ca. 1772.