

45. HANNANIAH⁴ GIFFORD [ANNANIAH, ANNANIAS] (*Gideon*³, *William*²⁻¹) was born 20 November 1705, and he died, testate, in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, in 1773.

He married, 4 January 1743, JOANNA MENDELL, daughter of John⁵ and Prudence (Gibbs) Mendell, born 9 November 1717, died in Uxbridge 30 March 1798 (Uxbridge Vital Records; Friends' Monthly Meeting Records; Rochester Vital Records; Lydia B. Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Thomas Gibbs of Sandwich, Mass. (ca. 1615-1693)," *Register*, 123 [1969]: 60; Mary Porter and Sidney Dean Smith, *Mendell Family Genealogy . . . Ancestors and Descendants of Isaac Mendall and Patience Harlow . . .* [N.p., 1943], 11).

We have seen that by a deed of 12 July 1731 Gideon Gifford sold to "Hannanias Gifford of sd Rochester, eldest son" a tract of land in the Great Neck for £150. Hannaniah Gifford, yeoman, and his brother-in-law, William Ellis, carpenter, both of Rochester bought more land in the Great Neck from Stephen DeWolf for £300 (PLCD, 40: 153-154). Ellis was the husband of Joanna's sister, Patience Mendell.

Plymouth deeds should be checked further because probably soon after 1752 Hannaniah Gifford moved to Uxbridge in Worcester County. Worcester deeds and probates should be searched also. By a deed of 22 November 1769, "Ananias Gifford of Uxbridge in the County of Worcester" sold to Joshua Allen of Rochester about three acres in the Great Neck for £33.6s.8d. The deed was acknowledged the same day, but it was not recorded until 23 April 1773 (*ibid.*, 57:107).

A full abstract of the will of Hannaniah Gifford should be examined. The dateless abstract that we have read bequeaths to his son Seth, his daughter Mehitable, wife of John Aldrich of Douglas, and his daughter Elizabeth, wife of David Mowry of Uxbridge. The will was witnessed by Gershom Keith, David Farnum, Jr., and George Farnum. The son Seth was named sole executor (Worcester County Probates, Docket #23,575).

Children, recorded in Rochester:

- i. PRUDENCE⁵, b. 10 Nov. 1744; d. before 25 July 1747.
 - ii. MEHITABLE, b. 25 Feb. 1745/6; mar. (int. 16 Oct. 1769) JACOB ALDRICH of Douglas (Uxbridge Vital Records).
 - iii. PRUDENCE, b. 25 July 1747; prob. *d.s.p.* Not named in her father's will.
 - iv. ELIZABETH, b. 13 Feb. 1751/2; mar. 2 May 1771 DAVID MOWRY (*ibid.*).
109. v. SETH, b. 5 Sept. 1754.

46. GIDEON⁴ GIFFORD (*Gideon*³, *William*²⁻¹) was born 28 November 1719, and he died in Dutchess County, New York, after 6 April 1789 (see below).

He married in Plymouth, 14 March 1742/3, LOIS JACKSON, probably the daughter of Joseph and Remembrance (Jackson) Jackson. It is possi-

ble that, if she survived her husband, she is the Lois Gifford who married, 17 September 1758, Paul Lewis (Sandwich Town Records).

By a deed of 5 July 1752, Gideon Gifford, yeoman, John Wing, yeoman, and Hannah, his wife, "all of Batemans [*sic*] Precinct in Dutchess County in the Province of New York, which Hannah is one of the heirs of Gideon Gifford, late of Rochester in the County of Plymouth . . . for six Spanish milled dollars, paid by Benjamin Wing of said Rochester, yeoman" conveyed "a certain tract of land in sd Rochester, two twelfth parts of a ninety six acre grant of two twelfths part of the 48 acre grant, all of Joseph Doty's share at first, to be taken out of the undivided lands in sd Rochester." This deed was acknowledged in Dutchess County, 9 May 1753, but not recorded until 19 May 1796! This date of recording may well be the clue to the year of Gideon's death (PLCD, 79:184).

Plymouth deeds should be rechecked, for more relevant data may be found there. Also a thorough search of Dutchess County deeds and probates is needed. The birth of only one child of this Gideon Gifford is recorded at Rochester. We have been told that he moved first to Connecticut and later to Beekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, and that he had at least two unrecorded children. It seems likely that he had more children after leaving Rochester.

Children:

- 110. i. JOSEPH⁵, b. 17 Mar. 1743/4, "son of Gideon Gifford, Junr. and Loes" (Rochester Vital Records).
- ? ii. MARY; mar. TIMOTHY FULLER.
- ? iii. JOHN.

47. JOSEPH⁴ GIFFORD (*Gershom*³, *William*²⁻¹) was born about 1711, and he died 23 October 1810, "ae. 99 yrs. 4 days" (New Bedford Vital Records).

He married first, CONTENT IRISH (int. 22 October 1737: he "of Agawam," she "of Little Compton"), daughter of David³ (*John*²⁻¹) and Martha (Nelson) Irish, born in Little Compton (now Rhode Island) 3 September 1718, died before 2 July 1761.

He married second, 2 July 1761, HANNAH HOWLAND, daughter of John and Mary (Cook) Howland of Dartmouth, born 1 August 1715, died 25 July 1829.

By a deed of 23 May 1733, Gershom Gifford of Plymouth, for love and parental affection, gave "unto my son Joseph Gifford of the same, labourer, all the Real Estate, lands and meadows and cedar swamp in the township of Plymouth . . . together with my dwelling house, barns and all buildings which I have not already given to my son Benjamin Gifford . . . reserving to my self and my wife or the longest liver of us, the use and improvement" (PLCD, 28:172). By a deed of 21 January 1733/4, Joseph Gifford and Thomas Tupper, Jr., both called of Plymouth, agreed to partition two lots which they held in common, one being the seventh lot in the East division "betwixt Israel Fearing and Benjamin Gifford," and the