

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

other bounded by the heirs of Joseph Haskell, deceased, Israel Fearing, and Ebenezer Burges (*ibid.*, 172). Other deeds, dated 25 July 1735, 12 January 1735/6, 2 February 1735/6, and 12 February 1738/9, show that Joseph Gifford, still called husbandman of Plymouth, bought or sold more land there (*ibid.*, 30:27, 49; 31:150, 151; 35:48).

By a deed of 26 June 1740, Gershom Gifford sold, for £600, to "my son Joseph Gifford" the same land which he had bought the day before from his son, Benjamin Gifford. Both are now called of Wareham, which had by then been separated from Plymouth (*ibid.*, 35:49).

Joseph Gifford was appointed administrator of the estate of Lemuel Claghorn of Rochester. Claghorn's widow, Deborah (Wing) Claghorn, released her dower rights in her late husband's estate to Gifford, as sole administrator (*ibid.*, 37:96; dated 19 Sept. 1743, recorded 12 Apr. 1745). This is an example of the complexity of relationships involved here. Deborah (Wing) Claghorn was a first cousin to Joseph Gifford; her mother, Experience (Gifford) Wing, was a sister of Joseph's father, Gershom Gifford; Joseph Gifford's mother, Deborah (Bowerman) Gifford, was a sister of Experience (Bowerman) Claghorn, and the latter was the mother of the deceased Lemuel Claghorn. Furthermore, Experience (Bowerman) Claghorn married, as a second wife, #11 William³ Gifford (*John*², *William*¹).

The will of David Irish of Little Compton, dated 18 January 1746, proved 3 May 1748, gives: "To my three daughters, Priscilla Hiller, Ruth Brownell and Content Gifford" (Little Compton Wills, 1:30). The Hillers were active members of the Society of Friends. Many of them moved from Sandwich to Rochester and then to The Oblong in Dutchess County, New York. Further search there should clear up some uncertainties as to some of the Giffords.

On 26 February 1748/9 Joseph Gifford of Wareham sold to Nathan Chubbuck a three-acre lot in Wareham for £150 (PLCD, 41:95). A deed dated 6 August 1754 shows that

Whereas David Irish, late of Little Compton . . . county of Bristol, deceased, which Little Compton now is in the County of Newport in the Rhode Island government, in his Last Will . . . among other bequests gave to his three daughters: Priscilla Hiller, Ruth Brownell and Content Gifford, a certain tract . . . of land in Rochester, which gift in these words following, vizt: "I give unto my three beloved daughters, viz: Priscilla Hiller, Ruth Brownell and Content Gifford, all the rest of my lands in sd Rochester that is not herein before otherwise disposed of, to them, to their heirs and assigns forever. To be equally divided between my sd three daughters." And since the death of the testator Ruth Brownell is dead also and left no issue and in the life time of the three daughters there was no division, and so it is that Hiller and Gifford are desirous of coming to a division each one holds in severalty, in order whereunto Benjamin Hiller and Priscilla Hiller, both of Rochester in the County of Plymouth in her right, and Joseph Gifford and Content Gifford his wife, both of Wareham. (PLCD, 44:253-254).

At this point, when one would suppose that Joseph Gifford found himself unusually well settled in Wareham, he evidently began to consider greener pastures, a pattern often observed in colonial New England. And so we find that by a deed of 8 July 1755, Joseph Gifford of Wareham, yeoman, paid £300 to Peleg³ Gifford (*Jonathan*²) of Dartmouth for a tract of 140 acres there (Bristol County Deeds, 6:256). On 15 February 1757, still called "of Wareham," he paid £100 to Samuel Hammond for more Dartmouth land, bounded westerly by land of Nathaniel Howland and Prence Howland and by Joseph Gifford's own land (*ibid.*, 6:339).

The will of Martha Irish of Little Compton, widow, dated 20 June 1759, proved 1 April 1760, mentions her daughters Priscilla Hiller and Content Gifford, to whom she gives all her household goods, and her son-in-law, Joseph Gifford, whom she makes sole executor (Little Compton Wills, 1:271).

On 20 October 1759 Joseph Gifford sold to Henry Sanders of Wareham about twelve acres of Agawam land, which Gifford had bought of Zephaniah Swift, for £16 (Bristol County Deeds, 8:79).

After his second marriage, to Hannah Howland, we find one more deed, dated 4 December 1771: "Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth . . . for the love and good will I do bear unto my son David Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman," conveyed "part of that land I had of Peleg Gifford and Nathaniel Howland" (*ibid.*, 9:413).

Children:

- i. DEBORAH⁵, b. 8 3mo 1740; d. 22 10mo 1793 (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records); mar. 24 Mar. 1762 IGNATIUS⁵ DILLINGHAM (Dartmouth Vital Records), son of Edward and Elizabeth (Goodspeed) Dillingham, b. Sandwich, 16 Apr. 1732; d. Falmouth 15 Sept. 1816. Children, surname *Dillingham*, b. Sandwich: 1. *Remember*, b. 29 July 1763. 2. *Content*, b. 8 Sept. 1765. 3. *Ruth*, b. 3 Oct. 1768; mar. 9 June 1791 Reuben Swift, b. 12 May 1769. 4. *Lydia*, b. 28 June 1771; mar. 9 Mar. 1790 Marmaduke Gifford, b. 9 Feb. 1769, d. 2 Sept. 1859. 5. *Stephen*, b. 8 Mar. 1774. 6. *Joseph*, b. 1 Nov. 1779. 7. *Edward*, b. 1 June 1779. 8. *William*, b. 9 Feb. 1782.
- ii. RUTH, b. 15 3mo 1742; mar. 3 Mar. 1763 JOHN⁵ DILLINGHAM, brother of her sister Deborah's husband, b. per Sandwich Town Records, 11 June 1738, but Falmouth Town Records show 29 May 1737. Children, surname *Dillingham*: 1. *Elizabeth*, b. ca. 1767; mar. 29 Mar. 1787 Zaccheus Eastes of Hanover. Named in Monthly Meeting Records as dau. of John and Ruth. 2. *Deborah*, b. ca. 1769; mar. 15 Sept. 1791 Aaron Wing of Sandwich. 3. *Silvanus*, b. 6 6mo 1771; mar. 30 Sept. 1795 Mary Wing, dau. Daniel and Meribah Wing. He was then of Saratoga. 4. *John*. 5. *Abigail*. 6. *Hannah*. There may have been other children. Only the last four are named in the certificate of removal to Saratoga, N. Y., given by the Monthly Meeting to John and Ruth.

111. iii. DAVID, b. 22 5mo 1745.
? iv. LYDIA, b. ca. 1748; d. "widow of Zephaniah Thomas, at Fairhaven" 17 Feb. 1841; mar. (1) 15 Mar. 1770 DAVID⁵ SANDERS, son of Henry and Mary (Hamilton) Sanders, b. 4 Oct. 1742 (Lydia Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Henry¹ Sanders, Alias Sanderson, of Sandwich, Mass.," *Register*, 127 [1973]: 256). Proof is yet to be found that this Lydia is properly placed here. The births of the children of Joseph Gifford are not found in Wareham, although presumably they were born there. Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 2 (1771-ca. 1850): 9, show births of Deborah, Ruth, David, Joseph, and Content. There is a gap between the birth of David in 1745 and Joseph in 1751. The Sanders were not Quakers, nor were the Kemptons into which family her purported sister Elizabeth married, and we suggest the possibility that further search may prove that perhaps because Lydia and Elizabeth married "out of meeting" their births were not recorded. The Wareham records show the births of six children to David and Lydia. After David's death, she mar. ZEPHANIAH THOMAS of Middleborough.
112. v. JOSEPH, b. 1 2mo 1751 (*Ibid.*, but on p. 45, the date is given as 1 2mo 1750).
vi. CONTENT, b. 15 5mo 1753; mar. 9 May 1770 CALEB⁵ RUSSELL (Barrett Russell, "The Descendants of John Russell of Dartmouth, Mass.," *Register*, 59 [1905]: 29). Five children.
vii. ELIZABETH, b. in April 1760; d. 13 Sept. 1828, "ae. 68"; mar. 21 Oct. 1787 DAVID KEMPTON (Dartmouth Vital Records).

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