

26 to 45, one female 26 to 45, and one female over 45. In *Yesteryears*, 5 (1961): 36, among the marriages from the Friends' Record of Hartland Monthly Meeting, Niagara Co., N. Y., we find: "Marriage Certificate of Stephen Gifford, Town of Hartland, son of Wilkinson and Amy, deceased, Gifford, to Maria Deuel, Town of Hartland, on 28 of 12mo 1837." Stephen Gifford and Maria removed from Hartland to Elba, Genesee Co., on 20 6mo 1839. In the Friends' Burial Ground in Stanfordsville, Dutchess Co., is a stone for Maria (Deuel) Gifford, who d. 2 Jan. 1892, in her 90th yr.

**49.** BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Jabez*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born probably circa 1722, and he died in a sleighing accident 26 February 1761 (Oblong Friends' Monthly Meeting records, Dutchess Co., N. Y.).

He married about 1752, ABIGAIL WING, the daughter of Jedediah and Elizabeth (Gifford) Wing, born in Rochester, Massachusetts, 14 September 1735, died 1820 "in town meeting week," ae. 83 yrs. 6 mos. (Adams, Mass., Monthly Meeting records). She married, second, Nathan<sup>3</sup> Hiller, the son of Benjamin<sup>2</sup> and Priscilla (Irish) Hiller and a nephew of Content (Irish) Gifford, wife of Joseph Gifford, born in Rochester, Massachusetts, 1 May 1738, died in Adams, 24 January 1832, ae. 93 (*Ibid.*). Benjamin and Abigail were first-cousins-once-removed.

Correspondence with descendants of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Gifford shows that several branches have attempted to prove conclusively the line back to William<sup>1</sup> Gifford of Sandwich. Family papers in the line of Elihu Wing Gifford, one of the sons of Benjamin and Abigail, show a tradition that they descend from one William "Gefharddt," a tailor of Wales, United Kingdom, who accidentally was transported by a ship (which he had merely intended to visit) to Newport, Rhode Island. There, so the story goes, he set up shop and became the father of a son called "Jabish" and grandfather of the above Benjamin Gifford. Experienced genealogists are all too familiar with such romantic traditions. Careful search in Rhode Island and Dutchess County, New York, is needed if facts and fiction are to be reconciled.

Children, from the Oblong Friends Monthly Meeting records:

113. i. JUSTUS<sup>5</sup>, b. 26 Dec. 1753.
- ii. ROBERT, b. 23 Nov. 1755. Tradition has it that he was "murdered in Dutchess County." No Robert Gifford appears in the 1790 Census.
114. iii. BENJAMIN, b. 13 Mar. 1758.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 8 Mar. 1760; d. 1829; mar. circa 1782, WILLIAM CUTLER.
115. v. ELIHU, b. 4 July 1761.

**50.** REUBEN<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Justus*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born 10 October 1723, and he died at Falmouth, 27 December 1802, "ae. 77 yrs." (Falmouth Town Records, 2:186).

He married, 6 September 1750, PHEBE HAMMOND, the daughter of John and Maria (Green) Hammond of Quissett in Falmouth, born 2 November 1729, died at Falmouth, "widow of Reuben," 13 January 1803 (*ibid.*).

Evidently Reuben Gifford was disowned by the Friends for "marrying out of meeting," as we find that "Phebe Gifford wife of Reuben" was pronounced for full communion in the Falmouth Church on 19 September 1755. She was admitted to full communion on 17 October 1755, and Hulda, Samuel, and Mary, their children, were baptized (Falmouth Church Records, 1:44). In due course the three youngest children were baptized also.

By a deed of 6 February 1749 Reuben Gifford of Falmouth sold to Daniel Bowerman for £30 about a quarter of an acre of land there, "bounded easterly by land of Benjamin Swift, southerly by land sd Borman (*sic*) bought of Joseph Robinson." The deed was witnessed by Rowland Robinson and Joseph Bourn and acknowledged 6 March 1752. It was recorded 30 October 1764 in Book 30, p. 154 (original deed from Gifford-Davis collection).

Harry Gifford believed that this Reuben Gifford had only three children: "Catherine mar. ——— Perry; Molly mar. Bill Weeks, and Hulda." But the church records provide the correct data. Evidently Gifford confused the Catherine born in 1732 to Justice and Ruth (Gifford) Gifford with the alleged daughter of this Reuben Gifford. The church records show no Catherine in this family and the other Catherine Gifford did marry Arthur Perry.

The 1790 Census shows Reuben Gifford of Falmouth as head of a family of two males over 16, one under 16, and two females.

Children, from Falmouth Church Records, 1:44, 45, 59:

- i. HULDA<sup>5</sup>, b. ca. 1751; mar. 8 Sept. 1779 ELIHU ROBINSON "of Chilmark" (*ibid.*, 2:86).
116. ii. SAMUEL, b. ca. 1753.
- iii. MARY, b. ca. 1755; mar. 7 Dec. 1780 WILLIAM WEEKS, JR. (*ibid.*, 2:84).
- iv. SUSANNA, bapt. 28 May 1758.
- v. RUTH, bapt. 27 Nov. 1763; mar. (int. 20 Jan. 1787) SOLOMON WEEKS (*ibid.*, 2:33); mar. (2) 1795, MOSES GOODSPEED.
- vi. WESTON, bapt. 2 Apr. 1769; d. before 7 Apr. 1798; mar. 1 Aug. 1792 SABRA RUSSELL (Nantucket Vital Records), dau. of Daniel and Hephsebeth (Meader) Russell of Nantucket, b. ca. 1773, d. 12 Jan. 1859, "ae. 86 yr. 5m. 6d" (g.s., Old Town Cemetery). An original deed from the Gifford-Davis collection shows William Weeks and Paul Weeks of Falmouth receiving \$35.00 from Prince Gifford of Falmouth for an acre of land there. The deed relates that four-sevenths of this lot "is the Estate of Weston Gifford of sd Falmouth, deceased, which the sd William Weeks doth hereby convey," the other three-fifths being conveyed by Paul Weeks. The deed continues "and I Sabra Gifford, widow of the said Weston Gifford for the con-

sideration mentioned do give up all my rite of dower and power of thirds in the abovesd four sevenths of sd meadow." It was signed by William Weeks, Paul Weeks, and Sabra Gifford, acknowledged 3 May, and recorded 12 May 1798 (Barnstable County Deeds, 52:15). The implication is that William Weeks was the administrator of Weston Gifford's estate, although this is not to be found in the surviving probate libers. The widow Sabra (Russell) Gifford mar. (int. 14 July 1798) James<sup>6</sup> Robinson (Falmouth Town Records, 2:47), the son of Zephaniah Robinson, b. 10 May 1764, d. 21 Oct. 1830. By her second husband Sabra had seven children. Children, surname *Gifford*: 1. *Phebe*, b. 17 Apr. 1793; d. 6 June 1882; mar. 24 Dec. 1812 Harvey C. Weeks. 2. *Eunice*, b. 22 June 1796, mar. 7 Sept. 1820 Calvin Robinson.

**51.** ZACCHEUS<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*William*<sup>3-2-1</sup>) was born 25 April 1740, and he died at Falmouth 2 March 1823, "ae. 83 yrs" (g.s., Old Burying Ground, West Falmouth, but Sandwich Monthly Meeting records, 1717-1850, p. 34, shows that he "d. 3mo 2d 1823, ae. 82y. 10m. 5d.").

He married first, 14 May 1766, LYDIA DILLINGHAM, daughter of Melatiah and Maria (Gifford) Dillingham, born 22 March 1736, died 28 February 1767 (Sandwich Monthly Meeting records, 1762-1841). Thus they were related as his grandfather was a half-brother of her grandfather Gifford.

He married second, 3d. 10m. 1769, SARAH SHOVE, daughter of Theophilus Shove of Berkeley (Swansea Monthly Meeting Records; James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850* [Providence, 1895], 7: 286), born 24 February 1746, died 31 March 1837. It appears that all his children were by this second wife.

Zaccheus Gifford appears in the 1790 Census in Falmouth with one male over 16, two under 16, and six females. The 1800 Census shows two males 16 to 26, one over 45, one female 16 to 26, two 16 to 45, and one 45 and up.

The will of Zaccheus Gifford of Falmouth, dated 16 November 1812, proved in 1823, bequeaths to his wife Sarah; his daughters Sarah, Hannah, Lydia, and Elizabeth; his son William; and his son Theophilus whom he names sole executor. The will was witnessed by Daniel and Martha Bowerman and Robinson Gifford (Barnstable County Probates, 16:107).

#### Children:

- i. LYDIA<sup>5</sup>, b. 30 July 1770; mar. 9 Feb. 1792 DANIEL PURINTON "of Dover, son of Zaceus of Co. Strafford in the State of New Hampshire" (Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1762-1841, p. 73).
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 13 Dec. 1771 (*ibid.*, 1717-1850, p. 110); d. 29 Apr. 1839 (*ibid.*), mar. 22 Nov. 1804 SETH KELLEY of Yarmouth, son of David and Bathsheba (Crocker) Kelley, b. Yarmouth 13 Apr. 1770, d. 17 Mar. 1841 (*ibid.*, 110, 104-