

1753, shows that Jonathan Gifford of Dartmouth bought from Joseph Wing, also of Dartmouth, a lot in Dartmouth for £10 (Bristol County Deeds, 6:30, 31). A second deed of 8 December 1731 (also not entered until 23 April 1753) shows that Philip Allen of Dartmouth sold to Jonathan Gifford of the same place land at Horse Neck in Dartmouth (*ibid.*, 6:32). His home place had been deeded to him 27 September 1746 by his father for "good will and affection" (*ibid.*, 5:528, 529).

The will of Jonathan Gifford, "house carpenter of Dartmouth," dated 30 December 1756, proved 3 May 1757, bequeaths to his daughters "Dele" Cornell, Dinah Potter, and Mary Case; his son Jeremiah Gifford whom he makes sole executor; his stepson Timothy Potter; his grandchild Elizabeth Case. His wife is called "deceased." The will was witnessed by his brother Gideon Gifford and Increase and James Allen (Bristol County Probates, 15:330).

The four children of Jonathan Gifford are legatees of their uncle Gideon Gifford (see *Register*, 129 [1975]: 236, 237).

Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

- i. DELIVERANCE⁵ (called DELE), b. 2 Nov. 1727; mar. 12 Oct. 1744 CALEB CORNELL (Dartmouth Vital Records), son of William and Mehitable (Fish) Cornell of Dartmouth, b. 24 Mar. 1716; d. before 10 Dec. 1759. Children, surname *Cornell*: 1. *Gideon*, b. 5 Feb. 1745/6. 2. *Govet*, b. 27 May 1748.
- ii. MARY, b. 28 Jan. 1731/2; mar. in Dartmouth 22 Oct. 1749 JOB CASE, son of Isaac Case of Dartmouth. Children, surname *Case*: 1. *Pardon*, b. 20 Aug. 1752. 2. *Abner*, b. 20 July 1754. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. 14 Aug. 1758. 4. *Elsie* (called *Elca*, *Alice*), b. 14 Aug. 1758; mar. (int. 9 Nov. 1776) George Allen. 5. *Jonathan*, b. 14 Jan. 1761. 6. *Mary*, b. 14 Apr. 1763; mar. (int. 15 Apr. 1774) Barnabas Davil. 7. *Sarah*, b. 15 Sept. 1765. 8. *Ann*, b. 15 Feb. 1768; mar. 23 June 1790 Pardon Cornell. 9. *Rhoda*, b. 7 May 1770. 10. *Dinah*, b. 3 May 1772.
- iii. DINAH, b. 17 June 1733; mar. 13 Feb. 1755 JOSEPH POTTER.
124. iv. JEREMIAH, b. 21 Feb. 1736.

58. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Jeremiah*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born 7 March 1707/8, and he died 18 December 1802, "in his 95th yr." (Westport Vital Records).

He married (int. 24 May 1730) COMFORT HART, daughter of Richard and Amy (Gibbs) Hart, born 4 April 1710 (Little Compton Vital Records). The will of Richard Hart of Little Compton, dated 19 April and proved 10 June 1745, mentions "my daughter Comfort Gifford" (Little Compton Probates, 10:1, Taunton, Mass.).

Unlike his brothers, John Gifford was not given Dartmouth land by his father, but he evidently settled on land in Little Compton, Rhode Island. The following deed, dated 24 May 1777, is given in detail, as it not only proves the identity of John Gifford, but it also reveals a number of other family relationships:

We, John Gifford, blacksmith, of Little Compton and David Gifford, son of Joseph Gifford, late of Portsmouth in the State of Rhode Island, dec'd, now resident in the Town of Tiverton, all in the county of Newport in the State of Rhode Island and Isaac Gifford, yeoman, Peleg Gifford, Benjamin Gifford, Adam Gifford, David Gifford, Gideon Gifford, sons of William Gifford, deceased, David Gifford and Hannah Gifford his wife, William Wood and Alice Wood wife to sd William Wood, yeoman, all of the Town of Dartmouth in the County of Bristol, convey for £90 paid by Zephaniah Eddy of Dartmouth about 60 acres, in Dartmouth.

The deed was signed by John, David, Isaac, Peleg, Benjamin [his mark], Adam, David, Gideon, David 2nd, and Hannah Gifford. It was acknowledged at Dartmouth 9 March 1778 by all the signers, except David Gifford 2nd, who acknowledged it in Bristol County, 23 December 1786, and David Gifford, who acknowledged it 11 May 1787 at Portsmouth; it was recorded 12 December 1787 (Bristol County Deeds, 11: 289).

The will of John Gifford of Little Compton, dated 14 December 1798, proved 5 January 1803, gives:

To my two grandsons, Jonathan and William Gifford, sons of my son Ephraim Gifford, deceased, all my lands in Little Compton and Westport except what I bought of Jabez Gifford, with all the buildings, they to pay to their sisters £3 each, namely Lydia Chase and Esther Chase. To my grandson Zebedee Manchester, the house and land where he now dwells, which I bought of Jabez Gibbs with buildings, he to pay to his brother Jabez Manchester, five silver dollars. To my grandson Ephraim Gifford, son of my daughter Judith, deceased, my plate buttons. To my grandson John Gibbs, land I already deeded to him I bought of Adam Hunt. To my three granddaughters Elizabeth, Judith, and Phebe Manchester, daughters of my daughter Elizabeth Manchester, deceased, £6. To my daughter Mary Reed, deceased's daughter Mary Taber, one feather bed and furniture. To my granddaughter Rhoda Manchester, daughter of Lydia Manchester, deceased, all household stuff which was her mother's and my book called Sewall's History. To my grandchildren, Zilla and Judith Gifford, the daughters of my daughter Judith Gifford, deceased £6.

The coexecutors of the will were his "friend and neighbor Stephen Brownell" and his son-in-law Joseph Gifford. The witnesses were Philip Tripp, Benjamin Brownell, and Perry Wilcox. He signed by mark. The inventory of his estate totalled \$1,266.07 (Bristol County Probates, 4:88).

Children. The birth of only one son, Ephraim, is recorded:

- i. MARY⁵, b. ca. 1731; d. before 14 Dec. 1798, the date of her father's will; mar. (1) in 1747 JABEZ⁴ GIBBS (Lydia B. P. Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Thomas¹ Gibbs of Sandwich, Mass. (ca. 1615-1693)," *Register*, 123 [1969]: 206); mar. (2) 14 Oct. 1759 ELEAZER READ. Children, sur-

name *Gibbs*: 1. *John*, b. 21 May 1748; living 14 Dec. 1798 when named in his grandfather's will. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. 13 Aug. 1750; *d.s.p.* before 14 Dec. 1798. 3. *Mary*, b. 22 Mar. 1752; d. Cazanovia, N. Y., in 1827, "ae. 80" (see Anna Allen Wright and Albert Hazen Wright, *Descendants of Joseph² and Philip², Sons of Philip¹ Taber, from Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Long Island* [New York, 1952], 41, 42); mar. 1 July 1773 Philip Taber.

125. ii. EPHRAIM, b. 18 Nov. 1733.
 iii. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1734; d. before 14 Dec. 1798; mar. 10 Nov. 1751 ARCHER MANCHESTER, son of Edward Manchester (Alden C. and Rita C. Manchester, "The Manchester Family of Rhode Island," *Register*, 102 [1946]: 12). Children, surname *Manchester*: 1. *Zebedee*, b. ca. 1752. 2. *Job*, b. ca. 1754. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. ca. 1758. 4. *Judith*, b. ca. 1760. 5. *Phebe*, b. ca. 1764.
 iv. LYDIA, b. ca. 1738; d. before the date of her father's will; mar. JEREMIAH MANCHESTER. She had at least one child, *Rhoda*, named in her grandfather's will.
 v. JUDITH, b. ca. 1743; d. 8 Aug. 1773; mar. 7 July 1765 JOSEPH GIFFORD, son of Enos³ Gifford.

59. JOSEPH⁴ GIFFORD (*Jeremiah³, Robert², William¹*) was born 13 October 1712, and he died 14 May 1776 in his 64th year (Bates Collection, microfilm, 48, Latter Day Saints Library).

He married 14 August 1737, MARY BRAYTON. They are called "both of Tiverton" in the Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Vital Records. She was the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Freeborn) Brayton of Tiverton. The will of Thomas Brayton was dated and proved in 1728, before this marriage, but the will of the widow Mary (Freeborn) Brayton, dated 27 July 1756, proved 27 June 1761, gives "To my daughter Mary Gifford. . . . To my grandson David Gifford . . . To my granddaughter Elizabeth Gifford . . . To my granddaughter Mary Gifford."

By a deed dated 18 May 1744, Jeremiah Gifford sold for £500 to his beloved son Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth a tract of seventy-three acres "on the southerly side of my homestead farm" (Bristol County Deeds, 5:81). The deed of 24 May 1777 by which his siblings and other heirs of Jeremiah Gifford disposed of Dartmouth land to Jeremiah Eddy includes among the grantors David Gifford, son of Joseph Gifford, deceased, late of Portsmouth.

Children:

- i. MARY⁵, b. 31 Oct. 1740; d. 19 Nov. 1815, "ae. 75" (Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, comp., "Cemetery Inscriptions in Tiverton, R. I.," *Register*, 117 [1963]: 136); mar. 24 Jan. 1760 DAVID DURFEE, JR. (Tiverton Vital Records), b. ca. 1738; d. 7 Apr. 1824. Had issue.