

- ii. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1742; living 27 July 1756 when named in her grandmother's will.
- 126. iii. DAVID, b. 15 Nov. 1746.

**60.** WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Jeremiah<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 19 January 1714, and he died before 10 December 1759. We have not found any probate records.

He married 2 April 1741, ELIZABETH TRIPP, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Tripp of Dartmouth, died after 2 November 1769.

William Gifford of Dartmouth, house carpenter, bought from Benjamin Smith of the same place a tract of Dartmouth land, bounded on the southerly side of the country road by land of Gideon Gifford, for £67.10s. (Bristol County Deeds, 5:498-499). For £350, by a deed of 6 November 1745, he sold to his father, Jeremiah Gifford, some sixty-three acres of land "on the southerly of the country road, over against land that was Gideon Gifford's," probably the same tract. The deed was witnessed by Isaac Smith and Peleg Gifford. William and his wife, Elizabeth, both signed (*ibid.*, 5:500).

The will of Gideon<sup>4</sup> Gifford, 10 December 1759, shows that his brother, William, was then deceased, as the testator gives to his "cousins Gideon Gifford and Hannah Gifford, children of my brother William Gifford, late deceased"; they were to have the share of one brother.

Children, recorded in Dartmouth Vital Records:

- i. HANNAH<sup>5</sup>, b. 24 Apr. 1743; d. February 1831, "ae. 88"; mar. (1) 16 June 1763 ABNER SHEPHERD, son of John and Dorcas Shepherd, d. before 2 Nov. 1769; mar. (2) 16 Mar. 1771, DAVID GIFFORD. By a deed of 2 Nov. 1769 "Hannah Shepherd of Dartmouth, widow of Abner Shepherd, dec'd, [sold] for £54 paid by my brother Gideon Gifford, of the same town, one third part of the homestead farm of my late Honoured Father, William Gifford, dec'd . . . about 64 acres." The deed was acknowledged 7 May 1770 and recorded 28 Jan. 1786 (Bristol County Deeds, 11:287).
- 127. ii. GIDEON, b. 17 Aug. 1748.

**61.** BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Jeremiah<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 May 1717, and he died after 24 August 1797, when he acknowledged two deeds at Dartmouth.

He married first, 3 May 1739, ELIZABETH PETTIS, "both of Tiverton" (James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island: Portsmouth* [Providence, R. I., 1893], 1:273), died before 1779.

He married, second (int. in Tiverton, 28 March 1779), ALICE (FISH) SPRINGER, daughter of William Fish of Tiverton and widow of Richard Springer, died probably before 10 October 1781, as she did not acknowledge a deed on that date.

It seems likely that Benjamin Gifford moved from Tiverton after his

marriage to Elizabeth Pettis and that he worked for his father on the latter's farm in Dartmouth. A deed by Jeremiah Gifford, dated 15 February 1752, conveys "for £100 paid by my son Benjamin Gifford of Dartmouth, labourer" land in Dartmouth, "being all that part of my homestead farm lying Northward of that part of my sd farm which I sold to my son Isaac Gifford and to the Westward of that part of my sd farm which I sold to my son Peleg Gifford" (Bristol County Deeds, 6:150). On 17 September 1770 Benjamin Gifford bought an additional tract of land containing fifty acres and including buildings, fences, etc., for £75 from Daniel Rogers (*ibid.*, 12:29).

It was probably this latter piece of land that Benjamin Gifford sold to Seth Huddlestone for 800 Spanish milled dollars on 15 September 1781. The deed was signed by the marks of Benjamin Gifford and Alice Gifford (*ibid.*, 11:286). The last two deeds, one dated 10 October 1781 and the other 16 February 1782, convey land to his son Ichabod (*ibid.*, 15:41). Alice Gifford neither signed nor renounced her dower rights. These deeds have been of considerable help, as none of the births of the children was recorded, nor were we able to find any probate records.

Children, probably all born on the Dartmouth farm:

- i. JAMES<sup>5</sup>, b. ca. 1740; d. after the date of the 1790 Census; mar. 25 May 1760(?) TABITHA DAVIS of Freetown. Conclusive proof that this James Gifford was living in Dartmouth is furnished by a deed dated 16 Feb. 1782 in which Benjamin Gifford conveyed land to his son Ichabod. Reference is made therein by the grantor to "land I lately sold to my son James Gifford" (Bristol County Deeds, 15:41). We can not find a record of the conveyance to James; evidently it was not recorded. The 1790 Census suggests that James had three sons and a daughter, but further search is needed in Friends' or other records. He does not appear in the 1800 Census.
128. ii. ICHABOD, b. ca. 1742.
129. iii. JONATHAN, b. ca. 1744.
- iv. LYDIA, b. 25 May 1746; d. Dublin, Ind., in 1826; mar. 18 Oct. 1773 SETH HUDDLESTONE, son of Seth Huddlestone, Sr., d. in 1794 at Guilford Co., N. C. (Data on this family is furnished by a descendant, Roger Avery Stubbs of Long Lake, Minn.)
- v. LEVINA, b. ca. 1748; mar. (1) 4 Feb. 1773, WILLIAM BEARD; (2) TRISTRAM BARNARD.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. ca. 1750; mar. 3 July 1783 RHODA POTTER, dau. Joshua and Lydia (Devol) Potter of Dartmouth (Dartmouth Vital Records). One of our correspondents alleges that he had at least one son, who mar. an unidentified Jemima Petty. Benjamin Gifford is not listed in the 1790 Census for Massachusetts, but we find an unidentified man of that name in New York.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1752; mar. (1) (int. 24 Nov. 1775) MARY

PETTY, "both of Dartmouth"; mar. (2) 29 Mar. 1781 HULDAH PERRY, dau. of Paul Perry (*ibid.*).

viii. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1754; mar. 12 Feb. 1778 JOSEPH BOSWORTH (Dartmouth Vital Records).

**62.** ISAAC<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Jeremiah<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 May 1717, and he died 3 March 1812 (g.s., Acookset Friends' Cemetery, Dartmouth).

He married, first, 18 December 1741, ELIZABETH FISH of Tiverton (Portsmouth Vital Records), died by 11 June 1746.

He married, second, 11 June 1746, MARY CORNELL, daughter of William and Mehitable (Fish) Cornell (Dartmouth Vital Records). Her brother Caleb married Deliverance Gifford, daughter of Jonathan, and her sister, Alice, married Isaac's brother, Peleg.

It seems likely that there was issue by Isaac's first marriage, but we have not found any records. Probates and deeds may reveal the names of other children of Isaac Gifford. Research is yet incomplete, and some of the unplaced males in upstate New York may well be sons of male issue of Isaac Gifford by his first marriage.

We know that Isaac Gifford sold Dartmouth land to his brother William and that Jeremiah Gifford sold to this son Isaac about seventy acres (part of his homestead farm) on 29 March 1749. The will of Gideon Gifford does not name this brother, but he was among the living brothers to whom Gideon Gifford bequeathed his residuary estate. Perhaps this legacy enabled Isaac to buy more land, as the Bristol County Deed Index shows that in that same year he bought land from Abiel Tripp and Joseph Brownell and that he sold land to his brother Peleg (Bristol County Deeds, 11:228, 230; 10:59). From the same index we know that he sold land to William Tripp in 1762 and purchased land from Ezekiel Cornell in 1763 (*ibid.*, 11:240; 10:195).

Children by second wife, Mary (Westport Vital Records):

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup>, b. 16 Feb. 1751; d. 17 Apr. 1840; mar. (as his second wife) 27 Aug. 1795 JOSEPH GIFFORD (see below).
- ii. MARY, b. 12 Feb. 1760; mar. (as his second wife) 28 Feb. 1799 PRESERVED TRIPP, son of Benjamin and Martha Tripp (Westport Vital Records).

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