

He married at Tiverton, 30 July 1749, MARY PETTIS, who has not been identified.

Benjamin Gifford "of Westport, blacksmith," conveyed "for the Love and Good Will which I bear towards my son George Gifford of the same town all my house and land, being my homestead" [about 21 acres]. The deed was signed by Benjamin Gifford and the mark of his wife, Mary Gifford. It was dated 4 January 1803 and acknowledged the same day but not recorded until 18 April 1805 (Bristol County Deeds, 17:259).

Benjamin Gifford is listed at Westport in 1790 with a family of one male and two females over 16 years.

Further search in Bristol County records is needed here.

Children. The births of some of the children are recorded in Freetown:

- i. RUTH⁵, b. ca. 1750/1; d. before 30 Dec. 1798; mar. PHILIP⁵ SANFORD (*Peleg*⁴, *Samuel*³, *John*²⁻¹). He mar. (2) 30 Dec. 1798, Catherine Tripp, dau. Samuel Tripp of Tiverton, R. I. The widow Catherine (Tripp) Sanford mar., 12 Nov. 1818, Job Soule, son of William and Keziah (Gifford) Soule. Children, surname *Sanford*—data furnished by the late Jack Sanford: 1. *Stephen*, b. 1770. 2. *Thomas*, b. ca. 1772. 3. *David*, b. ca. 1773/4. 4. *Rhoda*, b. 3 Dec. 1775; mar. (int. at Tiverton, 12 Feb. 1797) Thurston Gifford of Tiverton. 5. *Peleg*. 6. *Anne*. 7. *Abraham*. 8. *Ruth*. 9. *Philip*, b. 26 Dec. 1787; d. 17 Apr. 1869; mar. (2) 12 Feb. 1855, Cynthia (Gifford) Howland, dau. Leonard and Ann (Whit) Gifford, and widow of Benjamin W. Howland.
140. ii. JOHN, b. 28 Aug. 1754.
141. iii. NATHANIEL, b. ca. 1757.
142. iv. JAMES, b. 1 June 1759 (Freetown town records).
143. v. STEPHEN, b. 5 Feb. 1762 (*ibid.*).
144. vi. GEORGE, b. 17 Feb. 1772 (*ibid.*).

69. STEPHEN⁴ GIFFORD (*Stephen*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born about 1730, and he died about 1792.

He married in Tiverton, 30 December 1753, MERCY PECKHAM of Swansea who has not been identified.

The two daughters shown below are on record only through their marriages. The sons are not positively identified, but they are included in this family as the most likely. Perhaps there were other children. Further search in Bristol County records is indicated.

Children:

- i. ABRAHAM⁵ (see Bristol County Deeds, 13:29, 30, 31).
- ii. MARY; mar. in 1776 STEPHEN WEAVER (Tiverton records).
- iii. SUSANNAH; mar. June 1778 GEORGE CROCKER, JR. (*ibid.*).
- iv. JOB.
- v. THOMAS.

70. RECOMPENSE⁴ GIFFORD (*Stephen*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born in Dartmouth about 1732.