

then unmarried, sold 60 acres of land on Horse Neck, Westport, to Barney Hicks (Bristol County Deeds, 13:233). The 1800 Census shows Warren Gifford, "son of Mer.," at Westport with a family of one male under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. There were two females, one between 26 and 45 and one under 10. The note in the record identifies this Warren Gifford as the son of the widow of Robert Gifford. She and her son, Jonathan, are listed consecutively. Two other Warren Giffords are listed at Westport, Warren the son of John (No. 140) and Warren the son of Christopher (No. 82). None of the Warren Giffords recorded the names of their children in the Westport or Dartmouth Vital Records.

73. TIMOTHY⁴ GIFFORD (*Timothy*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born 2 June 1735, and he died in Dartmouth, 3 July 1815.

He married in Dartmouth, 16 October 1755, MARTHA TUCKER, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howland) Tucker of Dartmouth, born 14: 9mo (Nov.) 1734, died 7 October 1820 (Dartmouth Vital Records).

Timothy Gifford in his will gave to this son, Timothy, a major share of the homestead farm and other Dartmouth property. Unlike most Giffords, Timothy, Jr., was content to stay on the old farm.

The will of his unmarried sister, Constant Gifford, dated 16 October 1804, but not proved until 29 October 1816, canceled a note that she held against her "brother Timothy Gifford." She also bequeathed to Timothy's children (whom she calls her "cousins"). Of these, Ruth, Mary, Hannah, and Sarah Gifford were to have all Constant's "indoor moveables, except one feather bed." To her "seven cousins"—Gilbert, Joseph, Abraham, Ruth, Mary, Hannah, and Sarah Gifford—she gave "all my lands, notes, money, goods and chattels of every kind whatsoever." She gave one featherbed to her "cousin Patience Gifford," she being the daughter of the deceased nephew, Nathaniel Gifford.

The will of the daughter Ruth Gifford, dated 17 June 1816, proved 5 May 1818, gives "to my mother such articles of wearing apparel as she shall need, with the remainder equally to be divided between my three sisters: Hannah Gifford, Mary Gifford, and Sarah Macomber. To my sister-in-law Phebe Gifford, if she be alive and remain a widow at my decease . . . \$20. To my niece Mehitable Gifford . . . \$10. To my brother Gilbert Gifford and my sisters Hannah Gifford and Mary Gifford, the use and profit of all my estate, real and personal." She directed that their mother be cared for and that if her sisters married they were to lose their rights, the estate to go to the survivors as thus stipulated. She directed that the residue was to go to her brothers Joseph and Abraham Gifford, and she appointed Joseph sole executor (Bristol County Probates, 54: 443).

The will of the unmarried son, Gilbert Gifford, dated 4 January 1825, proved 4 October 1831, bequeaths to his two sisters, Hannah and Mary

Gifford, and his two brothers, Joseph and Abraham Gifford. After the death or marriage of his sisters, the following legacies are to be paid "to my nephew Timothy Gifford . . . \$10. To Sarah Gifford, daughter of my late nephew Charles Gifford . . . \$20. To my two nephews, John A. Gifford and Nathaniel Gifford . . . \$10 each. To my niece Mehitable Gifford . . . \$20." He made his brother, Joseph, sole executor (*ibid.*, 70:70).

The following deed, dated 16 June 1817, recorded 3 August 1817, is of special interest as it names the "seven cousins" designated as heirs in the will of Constant Gifford, and it is also signed by the husbands and wives of the married heirs—Gilbert, Joseph, and Abraham Gifford, all yeomen; Ruth, Hannah, and Mary Gifford; Perry Macomber and Sarah his wife; Mary Gifford (wife of Joseph Gifford) and Susannah Gifford (wife of Abraham Gifford). All were of Dartmouth at that date (Bristol County Deeds, 23:529).

Further search among the deeds should provide additional data on the descendants of Timothy Gifford. A deed of 1816 relates to the estate of the intestate Timothy Gifford. It was signed by Gilbert, Hannah, Abraham, and Joseph Gifford; Perry and Sarah Macomber; Elizabeth Booth, Patience Davis (Thomas Almy, her agent); Edmund, Mehitable, and Martha Gifford (Thomas Almy, their guardian); Philip Allen (Thomas Almy, his agent); Susannah, Mary, and Rufus Gifford (Bristol County Probates, 20:273). Study of court and probate records should clear up a number of relationships.

Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

- i. RUTH⁵, b. 13 Apr. 1757; d. unmar. 4 Feb. 1818 "child of Timothy and Martha" (see her will, above).
149. ii. NATHANIEL, b. 16 July 1759.
- iii. GILBERT, b. 6 Oct. 1761; d. testate, unmar. at Dartmouth in 1831 (see abstract of his will, above).
- iv. HANNAH, b. 23 Jan. 1764; d. unmar. after 4 Jan. 1825, the date of her brother Gilbert's will.
- v. MARY, b. 25 May 1766; d. unmar. 1 June 1849 "child of Timothy and Martha."
- vi. MARTHA, b. 19 Sept. 1768; d. 13 Sept. 1768 (Dartmouth Vital Records).
- vii. SARAH, b. 31 Oct. 1769; d. 26 Sept. 1822; mar. (int. at Dartmouth, 22 July 1809) PERRY MACOMBER, son of Zebedee and Elizabeth (Cornell) Macomber, and widower of Rachel Gifford (*Elijah*⁴), b. 3 Aug. 1756.
150. viii. JOSEPH, b. 23 Oct. 1772.
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Dec. 1774; d. 1 Jan. 1787.
151. x. ABRAHAM, b. 28 Sept. 1776.

74. JOB⁴ GIFFORD (*Simeon*³, *Robert*², *William*¹) was born 28 May 1726, and he died at Dartmouth shortly before 6 October 1784 when his will was proved.