

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. RUTH<sup>5</sup>, 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*<sup>4</sup>), 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.** JOB<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Simeon*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 28 May 1726, and he died at Dartmouth shortly before 6 October 1784 when his will was proved.

He married at Dartmouth, 11: 2mo. (April) 1750, MARTHA WILCOX, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Thomas) Wilcox. She married, second, 28 September 1789, Benjamin Smith. A Dartmouth Friends Monthly Meeting record lists her as Martha Gifford, since Smith.

In the Bristol County deeds Job Gifford is called "yeoman." However, apparently he also practiced the trade of blacksmith since he mentions "the smith's shop" and his "blacksmith tools" in his will.

Simeon Gifford in his will named this son sole executor and gave him considerable real property in Dartmouth, including the homestead farm. Job Gifford by deed of 6 July 1751 sold half of his inherited sedge flats to John Sisson for £26.13 (Bristol County Deeds, 6:351). By deed of 2 January 1756 (not recorded until 15 December 1770), he paid Jonathan Ricketson £42 for Dartmouth land (*ibid.*, 9:80). On 28 February 1757 he bought from Arthur Fisher of Dartmouth, weaver, land in Dartmouth which the latter had received from his father, John Fisher (*ibid.*, 6:333). The price paid was £11.4. Job Gifford, his wife, Mary, releasing her dower rights, sold the land that had belonged to John Fisher for £74 to William Ricketson, Jr., 4 March 1760 (*ibid.*, 1:204). William Howland by deed of 15 September 1770 conveyed to Job Gifford for £21 more Dartmouth land (*ibid.*, 9:79).

The will of Job Gifford was dated 25 January and proved 6 October 1784. It names his wife, Martha; his sons, Simeon, Stephen, Abraham, and Thomas; and his daughters, Susanna and Martha. He appointed his son, Stephen, sole executor of his will and guardian of his young brother, Thomas. His wife was appointed guardian to their daughter, Martha, during her minority. The will was witnessed by Thomas Hicks, David Briggs, and Samuel Smith (Bristol County Probates, 28:157).

By a deed of 1792, a distribution of the real estate of the late Job Gifford was made by his sons, Stephen and Abraham (Bristol County Deeds, 13:29).

#### Children, recorded in Dartmouth:

- i. SIMEON<sup>5</sup>, b. 18 Nov. 1750; d. after 25 Jan. 1784 when named in his father's will. We suspect that this may be the Simeon Gifford who appears in the 1790 Census at Northeast, Dutchess Co., N. Y., as head of a household of two males over 16, four under 16, and four females. A Simeon Gifford is listed in the 1800 Census at Berne, Albany Co., N. Y. Search in the Friends' and other records may confirm or refute this suggestion.
152. ii. STEPHEN, b. 25 Feb. 1753.
- iii. SUSANNA, b. 29 Apr. 1756; unmar. at the date of her father's will. Possibly it was she who mar. 5 Aug. 1784 PELEG TRIPP (Dartmouth Vital Records).
153. iv. ABRAHAM, b. 7 Jan. 1759.
- v. THOMAS, b. 6 May 1765; d. after the date of the 1810 Census; mar. 19 June 1785 EUNICE BROWNELL (*ibid.*), dau. of Thomas

and Sarah (Brownell) Brownell. The will of Thomas Brownell "of Dartmouth in the circle of Westport," dated 31 July 1797, bequeaths to "my four daughters, namely: Unice Gifford, Sarah Gifford, Sevinah Wilcox, and Rhoda Brownell" (Bristol County Probates, 35:126-131). Sarah Brownell mar. Abraham Gifford, older brother of Thomas. In 1790 and 1800 Thomas Gifford was at Dartmouth, with only one daughter. In 1810, the Census listed only Thomas and his wife. Child: *Lavinia*<sup>6</sup>, b. ca. 1786; mar. (int. in Dartmouth, 15 Sept. 1807) Isaac Negus of Tiverton, R. I.

- vi. MARTHA, b. 26 Dec. 1771; d. prob. after 1817; mar. 5 May 1790 THOMAS GIDLEY (Dartmouth Vital Records), son of John and Susanna Gidley of Dartmouth, b. 25 June 1764 (*ibid.*) or 24 June 1766 (Dartmouth Monthly Meeting records). Children, surname *Gidley*: 1. *Phebe*, b. 20 Feb. 1797. 2. *Thomas?*, b. 18 Mar. 1803. 3. *Ephraim T.*, b. 31 Jan. 1817.

**75.** OBADIAH<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Simeon*<sup>3</sup>, *Robert*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 August 1734, and he died at Hudson, Columbia County, New York, probably shortly before 21 July 1798 when his will was proved.

He married, 8 August 1758, MARY SALISBURY (Little Compton, R. I., vital records), the daughter of Joseph and Inocent (Head) Salisbury of Little Compton, born there 5 July 1736, died, probably at Hudson, New York, after 10 August 1797. Her sister, Abigail, married Canaan Gifford, son of Enos<sup>3</sup> Gifford, and her sister, Elizabeth, married Jeremiah Gifford, son of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Gifford.

Simeon Gifford bequeathed his homestead farm and other Dartmouth property to this son, Obadiah, who was then a minor. Obadiah added to his holdings in Dartmouth by purchase. In 1763 he bought land there from John Gifford (Bristol County Deeds, 8:509). By a deed of 2 May 1763 (not recorded until 10 September 1772), Obadiah Gifford sold a Dartmouth lot for £14 to Ebenezer Allen, Jr. His wife, Mary, released her dower rights (*ibid.*, 9:278). On 24 March 1768 and again in 1770, Obadiah sold land "being part of my hoestead" to Joseph Davis of Dartmouth and to Stephen Davis of the same town. Again his wife released her dower rights (*ibid.*, 9:1, 369). There are further deeds recorded in Taunton in Books 10:199, 461, and 13:104.

At some time shortly before or during the Revolution Obadiah Gifford removed to New York State. Probably he went first to Dutchess County where many relatives and friends had emigrated. In 1790 he appears as head of a family of three males over 16, two under 16, and three females at Northeast, Dutchess County. By 1796 he had moved again, this time to Hudson, Columbia County, New York. A removal certificate for Obadiah Gifford from Creek Meeting to the Hudson Monthly Meeting is dated 1796. The certificate of his wife, Mary Gifford, is dated 16 November 1799.

The will of Obadiah Gifford of the City of Hudson, executed 10 August