

He married second, 11 July 1765, MARTHA WILBUR (*ibid.*), the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Carr) Wilbur of Little Compton.

Canaan Gifford was given the southerly part of his father's homestead farm. John R. Bartlett, ed., *Census of the Inhabitants of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations . . . 1774 . . .* (Providence, 1858), shows Canaan Gifford at Little Compton as head of a family of one male over 16, three under 16, and three females. But he owned land also in Bristol County, Massachusetts. The Bristol County Deeds Index shows that he and others sold land in 1777. Both Little Compton and Bristol County deeds should be searched, as the records show a number of transactions by his heirs.

Children by Abigail Salisbury (Arnold, *R. I. Vital Record*, 4, pt. 5: 117):

- 160. i. HERCULES<sup>5</sup>, b. 9 Jan. 1752.
- ii. RUTH, b. 29 June 1756; d. prob. in Westport; mar. 22 Dec. 1776 ZACCHEUS DYER (Westport Vital Records), b. 27 Nov. 1741. Children, surname *Dyer*: 1. *Abigail*, b. 12 July 1777; mar. 20 Mar. 1796, Benjamin Taber of Little Compton. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. 22 Aug. 1779. 3. *Ezra*, b. 22 Jan. 1782. 4. *Canaan Gifford*, b. 26 Apr. 1786; mar. 18 Apr. 1807, Elizabeth Palmer of Little Compton. 5. *Samuel*, b. 1 June 1792; mar. (int. Westport 6 Sept. 1812), Lydia Hoxie.
- 161. iii. NOAH, b. 8 Feb. 1758.
- 162. iv. GIDEON, b. 5 May 1760.

Child by Martha Wilbur (Arnold, *R. I. Vital Record*, 4, pt. 5:28):

- 163. v. CANAAN, b. 12 June 1766.

**78.** ENOS<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Enos*<sup>3</sup>, *Christopher*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 22 March 1740, and he died in Little Compton 20 November 1820 "Esqr. . . . 80 yrs." (Benjamin Franklin Wilbour and Waldo Chamberlain Sprague, "Cemetery Inscriptions in Little Compton, R. I.," *Register*, 116 [1962]: 49).

He married first, 13 March 1760, MARY WILBOR, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Brownell) Wilbor, born 30 May 1740, died 22 April 1803 (Arnold, *R. I. Vital Record*, 4, pt. 6:28; Wilbour and Sprague, "Little Compton Cemetery," *Register*, 116 [1962]: 49).

He married second, 24 November 1803, SUSANNAH WILBOR, sister of his first wife, born 29 May 1754, died 6 January 1828.

Enos Gifford's father's will gives to "son Enos Gifford" the part of the home farm on which Enos Gifford, Jr., "now dwells." This man also owned land in Bristol County, Massachusetts, as Enos Gifford *et al.* conveyed land in Dartmouth to Champlin Potter in 1777. The will of his mother, Phillis (Allen) Gifford, names her son, Enos, sole executor.

Bartlett, ed., *Census of Rhode Island, 1774*, lists Enos Gifford as head of a family at Little Compton with one male above 16, two under 16, one

female above 16, and five females under 16. The 1790 Census finds Enos Gifford at Little Compton, Newport County, Rhode Island, as head of a family of three males over 16, three under 16, and six females.

The will of Enos Gifford of Little Compton, yeoman, dated 12 April 1815, proved 11 December 1820, bequeaths:

To my son Enos Gifford above what I have already given him, one dollar. To my wife Susannah Gifford . . . all household goods she brought me and what we have had since she came, and my clock (and then to my son Joseph Gifford), also the use of the West end of my house or home that I bought of William Durfee. To my son Christopher Gifford my now dwelling house and dooryard, loom house and crib . . . orchard to north of my house; fine saw and lathe and my turning tools. To my son Joseph Gifford one half of the farm I bought of William Durfee and buildings and salt meadow. To my two sons, Christopher and John Gifford all rest and residue. To my son John Gifford, my watch. To my son Christopher, my gun. To my daughter Deborah Dyer, 2 Spanish milled dollars. To my daughter Eunice Lyon \$20. To my daughter Mary Tabor \$20. To my daughter Hannah Gifford. . . . To my three daughters: Phillis Gifford, Hannah Gifford and Michael Gifford, the use and improvement of my store rooms, etc., as long as they are unmarried. To my grandson Robin Gifford, son of my son Isaac Gifford, deceased, all the wearing apparel that was his father's that I have in my keeping in a chest. To my grand daughter Nabby Gifford, daughter of my son Isaac Gifford, deceased, all my household goods. To Enos Gifford, my grandson and son of my son Joseph Gifford, my silver spoons I commonly eat with.

The will was witnessed by Brownell and Right Wilbor and Mary Wilbor (Little Compton Wills, Taunton, 5:206).

Children, recorded in Little Compton:

- i. DEBORAH<sup>5</sup>, b. 27 Sept. 1761; mar. (int. 7 Dec. 1793) PRESERVED DYER, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Shrieve) Dyer, b. 10 Feb. 1738, d. Westport, 27 Mar. 1829. Issue.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 19 Aug. 1763; d. Aug. 1786; unmar. (g.s.).
- iii. PHILLIS, b. 14 June 1765; d. 11 Feb. 1823; unmar. (g.s.).
- iv. MARY, b. 17 Apr. 1767; d. 7 July 1850; mar. (1) 23 Sept. 1792 GAMALIEL BROWNELL; (2) 7 Jan. 1796, JOHN TABER (Little Compton Vital Records).
164. v. ENOS, b. 10 Apr. 1769.
165. vi. ISAAC, b. 14 Aug. 1770.
- vii. EUNICE, b. 8 Sept. 1772; d. 1828; mar. in Little Compton, 28 May 1807, NATHAN LYON, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (—) Lyon, d. 31 Mar. 1814 in 40th year (Westport Vital Records).
- viii. MICHAEL, b. 5 Feb. 1775; d. 8 June 1778.
- ix. CHRISTOPHER, b. 13 Mar. 1777; d. 7 May 1860; mar. 13 Apr. 1821 ROBY MANCHESTER (Little Compton Vital Records). He may have had issue.
166. x. JOSEPH, b. 5 Mar. 1780.
- xi. HANNAH, b. 5 Sept. 1782; d. unmar. 8 July 1856 (g.s., Wilbor-Gifford Cemetery). Her will, dated 2 June 1855, proved 13

Oct. 1856, gives: "To my niece Abigail Brownell. . . . To my niece Hannah G. Brownell. . . . To my niece Sarah Gifford. . . . To Mary Tabor, daughter of Gamaliel. . . . To my brother John Gifford. . . . To my brother Christopher Gifford. . . . To Hannah, wife of Isaac Gifford. . . . All household goods to Abigail Tabor, Hannah G. Brownell, and Sarah Gifford. . . . A gravestone to be put up to the memory of my sister Phillis, to correspond with my Father's. . . ." (Little Compton Wills, 11: 95).

- xii. MICHAEL, b. 15 May 1784; d. 1 July 1846 (g.s., Wilbor-Gifford Cemetery). Her will, dated 8 Feb. 1837, proved 10 Aug. 1846, gives: "To my brother Christopher Gifford and his wife Robey. . . . To Phebe Wilbur, daughter of my cousin Isaac, deceased. . . . To Robin Gifford and Bethana his wife and then to their oldest son Albert. . . . To my sister Mary Tabor, wife of John Tabor. . . . To my sister Hannah Gifford. . . . To the children of my sister Deborah Dyer, deceased. . . . To my four brothers: Enos, Christopher, Joseph and John Gifford. . . . To Mary Brownell, wife of Frederick Brownell. . . . All the rest and residue to Phebe Wilbur above named." She appointed Sylvester Gifford sole executor (Little Compton Wills, 9: 397).
- xiii. JOHN, b. 4 Sept. 1787; d. after 8 July 1856; mar. at Little Compton, 27 Oct. 1816, HULDAH WILBOR, dau. of Jonathan and Priscilla (—) Wilbor (Arnold, *R. I. Vital Record*, 4, pt. 6: 29). John Gifford was given half of the residual estate by his father's will of 1815. He was also mentioned in the wills of his sisters, Hannah and Michael. It is probable that he left a family. Deeds and probates of Little Compton and Bristol Co., Mass., and later census records should be searched to confirm or refute our supposition.

[To be continued]

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