

great English Bible. To my four children: Zillah, Judith, Ephraim and Sylvester, all my household goods.

He appoints his son Ephraim Gifford sole executor. The witnesses were Jonathan, William and Enos Gifford (Little Compton Wills, 4:343).

Children by first wife Judith—first two born in Westport:

- i. ZILLAH⁵, b. 15 May 1768; d. 15 Oct. 1850; m. 26 Jan. 1809 EBER CRANDALL (Tiverton Vital Records).
 - ii. JUDITH, b. 25 Sept. 1770; d. 22 Aug. 1821. The will of Judith Gifford, dated 10 Aug. 1810, proved 12 Nov. 1821, gives: "To my father Joseph Gifford, my silk bandsman handkerchief; the use of my great chaise and all my books, and then to my brothers and sisters. To Ephraim Gifford, Sylvester Gifford, Zillah Crandal, all my money. To William Gifford's wife Lydia my gold necklace of beads and my blue worsted gown. To my brother Ephraim's daughter Patience, my case of drawers and one set of curtains. To Frederick Gifford, son of my brother Ephraim, my silver shoe buckles. To Sirena Gifford, daughter of my brother Ephraim, one bed. To Allen Gifford, son of my brother Ephraim, one bed. To Lydia W. Gifford, daughter of my brother Ephraim, my gold locket. To my brother Sylvester Gifford's two sons, David and Andrew Gifford, \$10 each. If my brother Sylvester doth not outlive me, then his wife Rhoda and her children shall have what I have given him. All rest and residue to my sister Zillah Crandal." She names her brother Ephraim sole executor. The witnesses were: John, Benjamin, and Enos Gifford (Little Compton Wills, 5:289).
167. iii. EPHRAIM, b. 27 July 1773 (James N. Arnold, *Vital Record of Rhode Island, 1636-1850* [Providence, R. I., 1881-1912], 4: 117).

Children by second wife Patience (*ibid.*):

- iv. JOSEPH, b. 10 Nov. 1775; d. 7 Apr. 1779.
168. v. SYLVESTER, b. 2 Aug. 1778.
- vi. AMY, b. 24 Aug. 1780; d.s.p. before the date of her father's will.
 - vii. JOHN, b. 3 May 1782; d. 21 Sept. 1783.
 - viii. LYDIA, b. perhaps ca. 1785. We find no record of her marriage, but John R. Wilbor and Benjamin F. Wilbour in *Wildbores in America*, 2d ed. rev. (Baltimore, 1933), 77, state that William⁶ Gifford, son of Ephraim and Esther (Wilbor), b. 24 Feb. 1762, m. this Lydia Gifford, and that he had also a wife Lydia Palmer. [We find only a marriage in April 1784 to one Hannah Smith.] Lydia is mentioned in her father's will and the will of her half-sister Judith Gifford.

80. WILLIAM⁴ GIFFORD (*Christopher³, Christopher², William¹*) was born 29 June 1722, and he died, testate, at Westport in 1797.

He married 13 March 1745/6 PATIENCE RUSSELL (Dartmouth Vital Records), daughter of Joseph³ Russell (*Joseph², John¹*) and Mary³

Tucker (*Abraham*², *Henry*¹), born 8 October 1727, died June 1793 at Westport "ae 66" (*New Bedford Marine Journal*, 28 June 1793; *The Medley*, Friday 28 June 1793). The marriage is from the Friends Monthly Meeting records where William is called "son of Christopher & Mary" and she "dau. Joseph & Mary." The printed Dartmouth Vital Records give, in error, the marriage date as 1705/6. (See Barrett B. Russell, "Descendants of John Russell of Dartmouth," *Register*, 58 [1904]:367.)

Christopher Gifford, by a deed of 29 April 1755, conveyed for £16 "paid by my son William Gifford" a four-acre lot in Dartmouth, and his will dated 27 August 1767 gives:

To my well beloved son William Gifford a parcel of salt meadow, about three acres, that I bought of Philip Taber, lying on the upper end of a sedge flat called Macomers flat; one half of one-eighth part of a share in the cedar swamp in Dartmouth; 30 acres which he has already fenced; one of my books called Robert Bartlett's Epologie and one of my silver spoons marked with the letters D.G. and C.G.

He left to his grandson Abraham Gifford, son of the above William Gifford, "one half of my Book called George Foxes Journal."

William Gifford of Dartmouth, yeoman, conveyed by his deed of 17 February 1773 for £264 paid by Stephen Wait, a tract of 180 acres in Dartmouth. His wife Patience Gifford quitclaimed her dower rights (Bristol County Deeds, 9:470). This was the same land which he had bought on 26 September 1700 for 800 Spanish milled dollars from Joseph and Zachariah Dyer of Little Compton (*ibid.*, 9:88). In 1783 he conveyed land to his sons: Joseph, William, and Caleb (*ibid.*, 10:377, 444; 11:133). Westport was incorporated from part of Dartmouth in 1787, and in the 1790 Census William Gifford is listed as head of a Westport family of two males over 16, two females, and one "other person."

The will of William Gifford of Westport, yeoman, dated 4 September 1793, proved 3 October 1797, bequeaths:

To my son Joseph Gifford my half of the salt meadow at Accoaksett River, called Black Bank Flat [he and the son Joseph own the other half jointly]. To my son Abraham Gifford, the house and lot where he now lives (which I bought of Jonathan Taber and Christopher Gifford) . . . my salt meadow beach and pine land at Horseneck, which I bought of the Dyers, plus about twenty five acres of meadow lying on the easterly side of the highway that goes by my house to Paquechuck Point. To my son William Gifford a tract 10 rods wide from the head of his land westerly, over the brook to a stone wall at the east end of honeysuckle meadow, bounded southerly by Case's land, and a book called Barclay's Apology. To my son Caleb Gifford, thirty pounds besides what I have heretofore given him. To my son Richard Gifford, my homestead on the east side of the highway leading to Paquechuck Point; plus on the west side of the highway, the well, orchard (called Potter's Orchard) and meadow bounded on the south by Nathaniel Macomber; plus one half of the salt meadow which was bought of Richard Kirby in the northeast part of the

Great Flat in Acoakset River. To my son Russell Gifford the rest of the land on the west side of the highway called the Potter Place, plus the other half of the salt meadow bought from Richard Kirby. To my sons Joseph and William Gifford, my right in the cedar swamp which I own in partnership with my brother Christopher. To my four daughters: Ruth Eddy, Mary White, Patience Kirby, Martha Devol, household goods, etc., to be divided equally among them. Patience to have the looking glass.

He named his son Richard Gifford sole executor. Witnesses were: Philip Tripp, Nathaniel Potter, Jr., Samuel Smith (Bristol County Probates, 35:114).

Children recorded in Dartmouth to William and Patience:

- i. RUTH⁵, b. 9 Mar. 1746/7; d. Easton, N. Y., 24 Jan. 1811; m. 19 June 1763 HENRY EDDY (Tiverton Vital Records).
169. ii. JOSEPH, b. 20 Nov. 1750.
170. iii. ABRAHAM, b. 14 Aug. 1752.
- iv. WILLIAM, b. 21 May 1754; d. 20 Oct. 1805 (Westport Vital Records); m. 17 June 1779 MARY TRIPP, daughter of Nathaniel and Alice (Mott) Tripp, b. 10 Nov. 1756; d. 1824. The will of William Gifford, Jr., of Westport, dated 4 Nov. 1794, proved 4 Mar. 1806, bequeaths: "To my wife Mary Gifford [whom he names sole executrix]. . . . To my brother Russell Gifford [wearing apparel, gun, implements, carpenter's and joiner's tools]. . . . To my brother Caleb Gifford's sons, Gideon and Ellery Gifford, ten silver dollars each. To the Society or Monthly Meeting of Friends in Westport all the land and buildings of the farm where I now live, to come into possession at the death of my wife." All the rest and residue was left to his wife Mary (Bristol County Probates, 42:38). Mary Gifford, the widow of William, gave to Nathaniel Mosher, son of Jonathan Mosher; to Rowena Davis, daughter of Perry Davis; to John Allen, son of Job Allen; to Mary Allen, wife of Job Allen; to Jacob Allen. She named Jacob and Mary Allen executors (*ibid.*, 61:402).
- v. MARY, b. 18 Mar. 1756; m. (int. at Dartmouth 30 Mar. 1773) SYLVANUS WHITE, son of George and Deborah.
171. vi. CALEB, b. 25 June 1758.
172. vii. RICHARD, b. 28 Nov. 1760.
- viii. PATIENCE, b. 21 Oct. 1762; m. 15 June 1786 ELIHU KIRBY, son of Weston⁵ Kirby (*Nathaniel*⁴, *Robert*³, *Richard*²⁻¹), b. 13 June 1761 (Dartmouth Vital Records). His brother, William Kirby, m. Audrey Gifford (no. 82 Christopher Gifford).
- ix. MARTHA, b. 25 Apr. 1766; m. (1) 16 Oct. 1788 JOSHUA DEVOL (Westport Vital Records); (2) 29 Sept. 1814 EBENEZER CARPENTER.
- x. GIDEON, b. 5 June 1769; d.s.p. before the date of his father's will.
173. xi. RUSSELL, b. 29 Jan. 1773.

81. RICHARD⁴ GIFFORD (*Christopher*³, *Christopher*², *William*¹) was