

Only the female under 10 could have been a child of John and Cynthia. The identity of the extra male and female is unknown.

186. vi. ABNER, b. 18 Sept. 1780.

vii. ELIZABETH, b. 7 Jan. 1785; d. 25 Nov. 1844 at Ledyard, N. Y.;  
m. AMAZIAH ALLEN.

**88.** THOMAS<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Cornelius<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 March 1746, and he died at Lee, Massachusetts, 27 September 1786 "killed by the fall of a tree, in his 41st year" (g.s. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee).

He married in Middleborough 14 November 1770, LYDIA THOMSON, daughter of John Thomson, born 21 June 1752 (Town Records, Bailey 2:92). He is called "of Sandwich." (See Charles Hutchinson Thompson, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of John Thomson of Plymouth, Mass.* [Lansing, Michigan, 1890].) She died, the widow of Ephraim Sheldon whom she married 25 May 1794, 28 August 1844 "of old age, ae. 95" (Lee Vital Records).

Thomas Gifford evidently moved to Lee after 1770, probably at the same time as his father. He seems not to have joined the Congregational Church, but his wife was a member, as we see: "1783—Lydia Gifford, wife of Thomas Gifford, her children: Abigail Gifford, Isaac Gifford, Huldah Gifford, Sarah Gifford, Cornelius Gifford—baptized" (*Records of the Town of Lee to 1801* [Lee, Mass., 1900], 250).

Children—no birth records found:

i. ABIGAIL<sup>5</sup>, b. ca. 1771; m. 6 Jan. 1791 DUNCAN SHAW (Lee Vital Records).

ii. ISAAC, b. ca. 1773; no further record.

iii. HULDAH, b. ca. 1775; m. 17 Sept. 1794 ABRAHAM PHINNEY (*ibid.*).

iv. SARAH, b. ca. 1777; m. 28 Dec. 1798 JOSEPH FRAREY (*ibid.*).

187. v. CORNELIUS, b. ca. 1781.

**89.** JESSE<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Cornelius<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 May 1752, and he died in Lee 2 March 1841 "ae. 89" (Lee Vital Records; g.s. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee).

He married 2 June 1774 RUTH PERRY (Sandwich Town Records, 1:147), born about 1753, baptized 10 September 1761 (Sandwich 1st Church Records), died in Lee, 31 July 1835 "ae. 82." She was the daughter of Arthur<sup>4</sup> Perry (*John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Ezra<sup>1</sup>*) and Catherine Gifford (*Justus<sup>3</sup> Gifford and Ruth<sup>4</sup> Gifford*, daughter of *John<sup>3</sup>*). See "Ezra Perry of Sandwich, Mass.," *Register*, 115 (1961):276.

Under date of 9 January 1785, Lee Church Records show that "Mr. West administered the sacrament to Jesse Gifford and Ruth his wife" and Jesse was baptized (*Lee Town Records*, 256). On 6 May 1792 Abraham, Phebe, Thomas, Lidia and Abigail, children of Jesse and Ruth Gifford, were baptized (*ibid.*, 259).