

9. SAMUEL³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 12 March 1666/7, died 24 April 1738 (Sandwich Town Records, 1:109).

"The maryage between Samuel Gifford and JANE LORING both of Sandwich was solemn[ized] before Stephen Skeffe Esq Justice of Peace in Sandwich the second day of november 1699" (Sandwich Vital Records; *May. Desc.*, 29:31). Jane Loring, the daughter of Josiah Loring and Elizabeth (Prince) Loring, was born at Hingham 9 August 1663 and died at Sandwich 24 November 1744. Charles Henry Pope in the *Loring Genealogy* (1917) quotes the will of Josiah Loring of Hingham, dated 26 July 1712, proved 14 March 1712/13, as giving "to my daughter Jane Gifford . . . and to her son Josiah Gifford." We have checked this will in the Suffolk County Probates. The testator gives "to my daughter Jane Gifford, wife of Samuel Gifford . . . and to my grandson Josiah Gifford." Although Jane (Loring) Gifford survived her husband, there are no probates.

Harry E. Gifford (hereinafter *HEG*) in his genealogy of the Gifford family gives the date of death of Jane Gifford as 14 April 1700. We can find no reference in Sandwich or elsewhere to such a date. Gifford stated that Samuel Gifford had a second wife named Joanna, but we can find no record of this; other records prove that Jane Loring was the mother of Samuel's only child.

The will of John² Gifford, dated 9 April 1708, gives "unto my eldest son Samuel Gifford (besides what I have heretofore done for him) one hundred acres of my lands in Connecticut which I desire him to give unto his son as a token of my love for him" (see above). This property was in Windham County, Connecticut, as shown by a deed dated 20 March 1713/14 in which Samuel Gifford's brother Yelverton conveyed land on the east side of the Connecticut River, "only excepting three hundred acres thereof which sd John Gifford, my father, did, in his Last Will and Testament, give to his son Samuel Gifford and his grandson Robert Ransom" (Windham County Deeds; see also W.C. Ransom, *The Ransom Family of America* [1903], 43). Further research in Connecticut is indicated.

There are no probates for Samuel Gifford in Barnstable County; evidently he disposed of his land there by deed or agreement, probably with his only son.

Child:

37. i. JOSIAH⁴, "the son of Samuel Gifford and Jean Gifford his wife was born the 12th day of february Anno Domini 1700/1" (Sandwich Vital Records; *May. Desc.*, 30:62). This entry proves that the child was a son of the wife Jane Loring. Jean was a common variant at that period for Jane, but not for Joanna. In any case, the marriage and birth dates would make it impossible for the child to have been born to a second wife.

10. JOHN³ GIFFORD (*John², William¹*), born 12 June 1668, died, testate, at Rochester before 6 July 1750.

"The marriage between John Gifford and DESIRE SPRAGUE, solemnized before Sherjashub Bourne, Esqr the 24th of November Anno 1696" (*May. Desc.*, 30:59). Desire, the daughter of John² Sprague