

Jesse Gifford is shown in the 1790 Census with a family of one male over 16, two under 16, and three females.

Children (from Lee Vital Records):

- i. CATHERINE⁵, b. 5 Mar. 1775; m. 25 Dec. 1796 HARVEY OSBORN (*ibid.*).
- ii. ELIZABETH (called BETSEY), b. 20 Aug. 1777; m. 7 Oct. 1804 EBENEZER ADAMS (*ibid.*).
- iii. CELIA, b. 22 May 1779.
- iv. ABRAHAM, b. 8 Jan. 1781; bapt. with four younger siblings in the Lee Congregational Church (see above). Harry E. Gifford shows 1824 for the death of this Abraham but we find no confirmation in the published Lee records. He m. in Lee 12 Jan. 1806, DEBORAH ROBERTS (Lee Records), daughter of Amos and Deborah Roberts of Lee, b. 11 May 1780 (*ibid.*). Her younger sister, Susanna, m. Abraham's brother, Alvin. Perhaps Abraham and Deborah moved shortly after marriage, since we find no children in the Lee records. We hope that the Berkshire County deed registry, a dismissal record from the Lee church, or family Bible records will reveal whether this couple produced a family.
- v. PHEBE, b. 23 Mar. 1783.
- vi. THOMAS, b. 17 July 1785.
- vii. LYDIA, b. 10 June 1787.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. 11 Apr. 1789; m. 18 July 1811 ELIJAH WALTERS of Tyringham (*ibid.*).
- ix. RUTH, b. 18 Oct. 1792; bapt. 13 Jan. 1793; m. 19 May 1814 BENJAMIN BACON.
188. x. ALVIN, b. 13 Jan. 1794; bapt. 18 May 1794.

90. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Sylvanus*³, *James*², *William*¹) was born 29 January 1757, and he died at Lee, 2 May 1841 "of old age, aged 84" (Lee Vital Records).

He married about 1780, JOANNA PERRY, daughter of Arthur⁴ and Catherine (Gifford) Perry, baptized at Sandwich 10 September 1761, died at Lee, 5 March 1839 "aet. 80" (Lee Vital Records). Her sister Ruth married Jesse⁴ Gifford (see above).

John Gifford accompanied his father when the latter settled in Lee soon after the Revolution. Town records show that John Gifford; his father; William Chanter, husband of his aunt Eleanor Gifford; and others were exempted from the Ministerial Tax in April 1792 (*Lee Town Records*, 56). On 9 June 1793 "Sylvanus, Sylvia, John, Geneverah & Jesse, children of Joanna Gifford" were baptized (*ibid.*).

John Gifford served in such offices as fence viewer, tithingman, and on various town committees.

Children recorded in Lee to John and Joanna:

- i. SYLVANUS⁵, b. 10 Sept. 1781. No further record but probably

- living in 1790 when two males under 16 are listed in his father's household; may have matured.
- ii. SYLVIA, b. 18 May 1783; m. 17 Feb. 1803 JOSHUA BACKUS (Lee Vital Records), son of Ichabod Backus and Deliverance (Hamblin) of Falmouth and Lee.
 189. iii. JOHN, b. 31 May 1785.
 - iv. JENEVERAH, b. 23 Dec. 1787; m. 29 May 1806 JOHN HALE (*ibid.*).
 - v. ERASTUS, b. 29 Dec. 1791; d. 5 Jan. 1792 (*ibid.*).
 - vi. JESSE, b. 19 Feb. 1793; d. 29 June 1794 (*ibid.*).
 - vii. LEWIS, b. 7 Apr. 1795; d. 11 Apr. 1795 (*ibid.*).
 - viii. SARAH, b. 31 Jan. 1797.
 - ix. LEWIS, b. 19 May 1800; reported to have d. at Eden, Erie County, N. Y. Mrs. Evelyn J. Twining of Aurora, N. Y., a descendant of Lewis's sister, Elizabeth (Gifford) Maltby reported to us in correspondence in 1962 that Lewis Gifford removed from Lee to Erie County, N. Y., as did his sister Elizabeth. He is believed to have settled first at Evans, N. Y. and later a few miles away at Eden. He is believed to have married and had a family. Since he had three lines of descent from William Gifford, we hope that search in the Erie County probates and deeds may discover any descendants or that some reader may supply Bible or other records.
 - x. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1803; d. 1864 at Evans, N. Y.; m. ca. 1821 ZACCHEUS MALTBY, b. "Conn. 1801," d. Evans, N. Y., 1871, son of Gen. Isaac Maltby and Lucinda (Murray) Maltby. (Data from the John W. Jordan *Genealogical & Personal History of Northern Pennsylvania* [New York, 1913], 1:214, with other notes furnished in 1962 by Evelyn J. Twining [Mrs. Harold A.] of Poplar Ridge Road, Aurora, N. Y.)

91. JAMES⁴ GIFFORD (*Sylvanus*³, *James*², *William*¹) was born 1 December 1765 and was living in Lee in 1805.

He married about 1791, SARAH ———. She may have been a Peck as she named a son Charles Peck Gifford.

Probably James Gifford accompanied his father and brothers to Lee about 1777. He and his wife were received into full communion with the Lee church, 18 May 1794 (*Lee Town Records*, 274). He served as sexton of the church.

There is no further record of this couple or of their children after the birth of Charles in 1805. It is more than probable that the family moved elsewhere—perhaps to New York or Ohio—and possible that other children were born to them.

Children recorded in Lee to James and Sarah:

- i. EUNICE⁵, b. 27 Aug. 1792; bapt. 14 Sept. 1794.
- ii. AN INFANT, d. 10 Dec. 1794 "an infant child of James Gifford" (*ibid.*).