

- HAM (Rochester Vital Records). She is called "dau. of James & Elizabeth."
190. v. BENJAMIN, b. 26 May 1787.
 vi. ELIZABETH, b. 24 Apr. 1789; d. 3 Nov. 1847; m. 12 Dec. 1812 BERIAH SWIFT, son of Abraham⁶ (*Zebulon⁵, Benjamin¹, William³⁻²⁻¹*) and Johanna Sisson of Dartmouth and Washington County, N. Y., b. 30 Aug. 1784. Children, surname *Swift*: 1. *Gurdon*, b. ca. 1813; m. 27 Aug. 1835 Jane Wanzer (New Milford, Conn., Vital Records).
 vii. NATHAN, b. 16 Dec. 1790; d. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1888; m. (1) ca. 1820 MARIETTA ———; m. (2) 24 Apr. 1824 LYDIA CARSON. He prob. had issue.
 viii. HANNAH, b. 23 Mar. 1793; d. 23 June 1850.
 ix. LEMUEL, b. 4 July 1794; d. 24 Dec. 1850; m. (int. at Rochester 25 Aug. 1828) ELIZA FULLER (Rochester Vital Records). He prob. had issue.
 x. MERIBAH, b. 23 July 1796; d. 23 Nov. 1852.
 xi. RUTH, b. 28 Nov. 1799; d. 5 June 1867.
 ?xii. SAMUEL.
 ?xiii. GEORGE.

93. LEWIS¹ GIFFORD (*Thomas³, James², William¹*), was born 21 April 1757, and died 14 December 1843 (Dartmouth Vital Records). This is HEG's branch No. 9, page 72.

He married first, 26 October 1777, JEDIDAH TABOR, daughter of Peter⁴ Tabor (*Joseph³, Thomas², Philip¹*), born about 1756. Descendants of this marriage can trace a line back to Francis Cook of the *Mayflower*.

He married secondly, 26 September 1799, SUSANNA (ASHLEY) ALLEN, widow of William Allen (Dartmouth Vital Records).

Lewis Gifford served in the Revolution, enlisting as a private 17 April 1776, stationed at Dartmouth on duty to guard the seacoast. He enlisted again in 1780 (see *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution*, 6:403). He petitioned for a pension 30 August 1832, stating that he was "born at Dartmouth and aged 75 last April." Abner B. Gifford, J.P., took his deposition. Among the character witnesses were: Joseph Gifford, Esq., Adam Gifford and William Gifford (National Archives, Revolutionary Pension File, S-15,501).

"Luis" Gifford was baptized Sunday, 1 July 1787, at Long Plain, Dartmouth. He and his family were members of the church of Elder Daniel Hix. (See S. M. Andrews, *A Sketch of Elder Daniel Hix, with the history of the First Christian Church in Dartmouth, Mass.* [New Bedford, 1880], 57.)

Lewis Gifford is listed at Dartmouth in the 1790 census with a family of one male over 16, two under 16, and four females. The 1800 census gives him two males under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one 45 or over; also, two females under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45 years.

The will of Lewis Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 14 June 1843, proved

6 February 1844, gives: "To my sons Peter, Barjona and Lewis Gifford, Jr., \$50 each. To my sons David, Stephen and Taber Gifford, \$70 each. To my three daughters, Catherine Spooner, Dinah Bowles and Rebecca Allen all my household goods and furniture. To my son William Gifford \$2. To all my son William Gifford's children \$40. To my grand daughter Susannah Gifford. . . . To all my children the pew I own in Elder Hix's Meeting House. To my son Thomas Gifford, 2nd, all the rest and residue" of the estate, and he to be sole executor (Bristol County Probates, 86:341).

The records of Henry Brayton Gifford did not include the will of Lewis¹ Gifford. For this reason it is interesting that the data he supplied are so largely in harmony with the facts found for this family group. He supplied the names of all the children mentioned in the will, plus a child who died in infancy. HEG omitted the son Stephen. However, we believe that Henry Brayton Gifford may have been wrong in giving the birth date of Rebecca as 1788. If that were correct she would have been but thirteen at marriage. We suggest as more probable (because of their wedding dates) that Rebecca and Keturah may have been twins, born about 1780. (Data of Henry Brayton Gifford will hereafter be cited HBG.)

Children (from records of HBG):

- i. DINAH⁵, b. 9 June 1770 (birth of "Diana," wife of Ezra Bolles, in Rochester Vital Records); m. (called "Diana Gifford of New Bedford") 25 Dec. 1796 EZRA BOLLES of Rochester (New Bedford and Rochester Vital Records). She d. 21 Jan. 1868.
- ii. REBECCA, b. ca. 1780; d. 28 Dec. 1863 (HBG); m. 23 Aug. 1801 ELIJAH ALLEN (Dartmouth Vital Records).
- iii. KETURAH (called Catherine in her father's will—perhaps because she was called by a diminutive, "Ket," which the scribe took to mean Catherine), b. ca. 1788; d. after June 1843; m. 6 Aug. 1801 JOHN SPOONER of New Bedford. She is called "Keturah of Dartmouth" in Dartmouth Vital Records.
191. iv. PETER, b. 21 Jan. 1782.
192. v. DAVID, b. ca. 1784.
193. vi. BARJONAH, b. ca. 1787.
- vii. STEPHEN, b. ca. 1790. The records of Elder Daniel Hix of the First Church of Dartmouth (p. 195) show the marriage 2 Jan. 1819 of Stephen Gifford and Phebe Washburn. On the same page is given the marriage of Stephen's purported brother, William Gifford. Confirmation of this relationship is needed, but we have seen that in his will Lewis Gifford names sons Stephen and William and refers to his pew in the Daniel Hix Church. Further search in Bristol County deeds may show whether Stephen moved elsewhere. The marriage is not listed in Dartmouth, Westport or New Bedford published town records.
- viii. AN INFANT, b. ca. 1794 (per HBG).
- ix. WILLIAM, b. ca. 1796. We believe that it is this William whose marriage 14 Feb. 1819 to Sarah Wodle "of Troy" is entered

in the records of Elder Daniel Hix. The entry is the next following that of the marriage of Stephen Gifford, this man's purported brother. Like Stephen he is mentioned in Lewis Gifford's will which gives to his son William only \$2 but gives \$40 to be divided among William's children. We can thus be certain that this man had children although no birth records are found in Dartmouth or the published records of neighboring towns. Apparently William Gifford moved elsewhere and a search of Bristol County deeds may help here.

Children—probably by second wife:

194. x. LEWIS, JR., b. ca. 1802.

195. xi. TABER A[SHLEY], b. 1804 (date "on monument with Mary P.," Dartmouth Vital Records).

xii. THOMAS, b. 26 July 1808 (per HBG), d. after the date of the 1850 census; m. 4 Nov. 1830 at Dartmouth, MATILDA JAMES "both of Dartmouth," living, aged 36, at the date of the 1850 census. Search in Bristol County Deeds and Probates should yield additional data on this family since Thomas was given the residue, including land, of his father's estate. The 1850 census shows him with six children.

94. SAMUEL⁵ GIFFORD (*Josiah¹, Samuel³, John², William¹*) was born 30 March 1751. William Monroe Newton in his *History of Barnard, Vermont, With Family Genealogies, 1761-1927 . . .* (Montpelier, 1928), tells us: "There is no record of the death of either Samuel or Anna Gifford in Barnard and they may have gone out of town in their age to live with one of their children" (2:222).

He married about 1780, Anna Tupper, daughter of Silas⁵ Tupper (*Samuel¹, Israel³, Thomas²⁻¹*) and Hannah⁵ Freeman (*William¹, Edmond³⁻²⁻¹*), born at Sandwich, 9 April 1758. Silas and Hannah Tupper were dismissed and recommended, 3 July 1785, from the Sandwich Church "to ye Chh in Barnard" (see Florence Conant Howes, "Dismissions from the First Church of Sandwich, Mass., 1749-1818," *Register*, 111 [1957]: 30).

Newton tells us that "Samuel Gifford the Barnard, Vermont, pioneer, was descended from John Gifford, one of the early settlers at Sandwich, Mass. Samuel bought 1,000 acres of land in Barnard 2 January 1783, in the east part of the town near Cox and Turner. In his deed he is given as coming from Sandwich. Probably his first child was born in Sandwich, although the name is given in the list as recorded in the Barnard town book. It is quite likely that the family came to town in the spring of 1783." Newton gives an incorrect line of descent for Samuel Gifford, as he supposed that a John Gifford was the emigrant ancestor.

The will of Josiah¹ Gifford, dated 29 January 1776, gave to this son, Samuel, land in "Springfield." Although Samuel may have moved there he did not long remain in Springfield. However, Hampshire County deeds should be searched.