

**96.** JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Josiah<sup>1</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 August 1756, and died in Fairfield, Maine, 1816 "ae. 65" [*sic*] (Fairfield Town Records).

He married, perhaps about 1780, DEBORAH TUPPER, who was born about 1757, and died in Fairfield in 1855 "ae. 99" (Fairfield Town Records). She was the daughter of Prince<sup>1</sup> Tupper (*Eldad<sup>3</sup>, Capt. Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) and Jane (Ellis) Tupper ("Thomas<sup>1</sup> Tupper and His Descendants," *Register*, 99 [1945]: 126). The tradition in Sandwich is that Joseph and Deborah (Tupper) Gifford removed to Fairfield, Maine, as did her sister, Jemima, wife of Jonathan Nye, but in the 1800 census Joseph Gifford appears in Sandwich with a family of one male under 10, two males between 10 and 16 and one between 26 and 45; two females under 10, one between 10 and 16, and one between 26 and 45. In August 1800 Joseph would have been forty-four years old and his wife about forty-two.

A thorough search of probate and deed records of Fairfield, Maine (Kennebec County until 1809, afterward Somerset County), is necessary to confirm or rebut the following tentative list of the probable children of Joseph and Deborah (Tupper) Gifford. They are taken from the marriage records at Fairfield, and it must be remembered that another branch of the Gifford family settled in Fairfield, namely Marmaduke, Benjamin and Arnold Gifford, sons of Prince<sup>5</sup> Gifford (*Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) of Falmouth. Care must be taken not to confuse the two families. However, it is a fact that Joseph inherited from his father land "to the Eastward" and it would be natural that he should have gone "down East" in his middle years.

?Children—suggested identification from marriage records in Fairfield, Maine:

- i. LYDIA<sup>6</sup>, b. ca. 1782; m. 1 Sept. 1810 WILLIAM CASE.
- ii. PRINCE, b. ca. 1784; m. 28 Nov. 1810 DEBORAH FULLER. Children born to Prince & Deborah (Fairfield Town Records): 1. *Annie*, b. 29 July 1811. 2. *Mary*, b. 17 Oct. 1813. 3. *Allen*, b. 25 Dec. 1815; d. 1831. 4. *Sally*, b. 29 July 1818. 5. *Thomas M.*, b. 30 Aug. 1821. 6. *Joseph*, b. 12 June 1824. 7. *Asa*, b. 3 Feb. 1826. 8. *Prince*, b. 5 Sept. 1829. 9. *Josiah*, b. 13 Sept. 1836.
- iii. SARAH, b. ca. 1787; d. ? "Sally Gifford, d. 1845, ae. 57." But we note, also, that a Sarah Gifford m. 28 Oct. 1810 Eliab Fish. Further search is needed here.
- iv. ELLIS, b. ca. 1790; d. "1860, ae. 70" (Town Records); m. 13 Feb. 1817 CELIA TOBEY, dau. Samuel<sup>1</sup> Tobey (*Eliakim<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), b. 4 Dec. 1792; d. "1881, ae. 88" (*ibid.*). Children: 1. *Cynthia*, b. 31 Jan. 1818. 2. *William*, b. 26 Aug. 1819; d.y. 3. *Ellis*, b. 16 Dec. 1821. 4. *William*, b. 10 Aug. 1823. 5. *Sophia*, b. 1826. 6. *Mary*, b. 10 Apr. 1828. 7. *Charles*, b. 25 May 1830. 8. *James*, b. 31 May 1831. 9. *Ansel*, b. 10 May 1832. 10. *John*, b. 29 July 1835.

- v. JANE, b. ca. 1793; m. 28 Aug. 1817 THOMAS HIGGINS.  
 vi. JEMIMA, b. ca. 1795; m. 7 May 1820 SETH MAYO.

NOTE: Since the foregoing family connections must await search in Maine probate, deed, and Friends' Meeting records for proof, we note here another family group with Maine connections which we have been unable to identify. The will of Elisha Gifford of Falmouth, Massachusetts, "gentleman," dated 27 October, proved 11 December 1849, gives "to my nephew Benjamin C. Gifford, his heirs [etc.] all my real estate . . . on condition that he shall relinquish all claims which he may have against me or my estate . . . reserving to my sister Zerviah Manwarren and to her daughter Nancy the right to live in . . . the North half of my dwelling house . . . and on further condition that said Benjamin C. Gifford shall furnish sufficient fire wood for their fire and milk for their table use and . . . vegetables as he may raise, sufficient for their use. . . ." He gives \$2,000 each to this sister Zerviah Manwaring and to her daughter Nancy. He gives to his brother Joseph Gifford "of Vassalborough, Maine" \$2,000 and to Elisha Gifford of said Vassalborough, \$100. He gives to his "friend Robinson Jones," \$100. And "to Mary Grew and Eunice Swain of Nantucket, Rachel Perry of Sandwich, Ichabod Gifford and George Gifford of Vassalborough, Maine, Fanny Dimmick of Falmouth, Daniel Tinker, Joseph Tinker, Emeline Crandall, Elizabeth Lax and Harriet Lister, of New London, Conn.," \$100 each, making \$1,000 in the whole. He gives to Johial Fish \$50. He gives to George W. Donaldson in trust for Elisha Gifford Hatch, minor son of Heman T. Hatch of Lynn, \$100. Also to George W. Donaldson in trust for Celia D. Hatch, Martha B. Hatch, and Harriet E. Hatch, \$150 to be equally divided among the three. George W. Donaldson is named sole executor (Barnstable County Probates, 81:78, 79, 80). Falmouth Church Records show the marriage of Zerviah Gifford, 4 September 1798, to William Manwaring. Nancy Manwaring died 7 February 1860, aged sixty-one years (g.s. Old Town Cemetery, Falmouth). Benjamin C. Gifford died 16 October 1878; he married 27 November 1834 Temperance R. Fish (Falmouth Town Records). Heman T. Hatch married Lucy Tinker of New London, Connecticut (*Genealogy & History of the Hatch Family* [Salt Lake City, 1925]).

[To be continued]

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