

that John Gifford of Hudson was a brother of Humphrey Gifford of Hudson. But this Humphrey Gifford was a son of Obadiah<sup>4</sup> Gifford (Simeon<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). Thus, the two Giffords were not brothers but third cousins. Probably the land speculators of that day were effective in attracting prospects from a wide area.

The 1790 census of Hudson, New York (Columbia County by then—set off from Albany County in 1786), shows John Gifford as head of a family with one male over 16, two under 16, and four females. While it is possible that all in the family were not children of the head, we may assume that John Gifford had two sons and three daughters. We hope that some reader may be able to supply the names of the sons and daughters of John and Phebe Gifford.

**104.** PAUL<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (John<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1757 and died 23 March 1826, “ae. 67” (see *Register*, 128:17).

He married first, about 1783, REBECCA NYE, daughter of Stephen<sup>4</sup> Nye and his wife, Maria Bourne, born in Sandwich 24 January 1766, died after 18 October 1798, when she quitclaimed her dower right to Dartmouth property—probably about 1803. The will of Stephen Nye, dated 9 November 1807, bequeaths to “the heirs of my Daughter Rebekah who is now deceased . . . Lucy, John, William, Sophia, Mariah, Christopher, Stephen, Charles and Nathaniel . . . to each of them or to their heirs” (Barnstable County Probate, 35:196, 197).

He married secondly, 7 January 1805, MARY (SAMPSON) TABER, daughter of Judah and Mary (Delano) Sampson and widow of Jeremiah Taber, born 9 July 1772, died at Duxbury 29 June 1858 (Duxbury Town Records). Her gravestone is in the Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury. She had had a child, Sally Taber, who died 27 January 1798. Descendants of Mary (Sampson) (Taber) Gifford trace back to John Alden and Miles Standish, *Mayflower* passengers.

Paul Gifford was disowned by the Friends Meeting at Sandwich 11 June 1778 “for appearing with a gun as a soldier.” Some seventeen years before, his father and brother had been expelled for similar reasons. Paul Gifford served in the Revolution. He appears as Paul Gifford and as Paul Gilford several times in *Massachusetts Soldiers in the Revolutionary War*. In a return of 19 July 1780 he is described as “ae. 24 yrs.; stature 5 ft., 8 in.; complexion ruddy.”

John Gifford in his will, dated 18 April 1783, gave his homestead to his four youngest sons of whom the third was Paul. The 1790 census shows Paul Gilford [sic] as head of a household at Sandwich with two males over 16, two under 16, and four females, but soon after the birth of his daughter Mariah, in November 1792, he moved to New Bedford. By a deed of 19 December 1796 Paul Gifford of New Bedford, “in that part called Fair Haven,” cordwainer, bought land there from John Delano (Bristol County Deeds, 14:306). However, before 11 December

1804 he was living in Fairfield, Kennebeck County, Maine (then Massachusetts), when he bought against a mortgage of \$750, from Elias Terry, a house and lot in Fair Haven (*ibid.*, 17:320). Three weeks later, at his second marriage 7 January 1805, he is called "of Duxbury." He sold the same lot to the same Elias Terry on 15 May 1806, his wife Mary Gifford releasing her dower rights.

Probably the Giffords moved to Pembroke after their marriage, since the marriage is entered in Pembroke records. A deed of 6 May 1816 shows Paul and Mary Gifford "of Pembroke" deeding "to our brother Nathaniel Sampson of sd Pembroke, blacksmith, for love and goodwill . . . a parcel of land which fell to us by our honoured Father, Juda [*sic*] Sampson, formerly of New Bedford, which was set off to our Mother, Mary Sampson dec'd for her dower . . . situated in Fair Haven" (*ibid.*, 25:272).

#### Children recorded to Paul and Rebecca in Sandwich Town Records:

- i. LUCY<sup>6</sup>, b. 7 Aug. 1784; living 9 Nov. 1807 when named in her grandfather's will; m. 27 May 1804 JOHN WALL (Fairfield, Me., Town Records).
- ii. JOHN, b. 19 May 1786; d. Fairfield, Me., 1865, "ae. 79"; m. 20 June 1808 SALLY NYE, d. "1845, ae. 57."
- iii. WILLIAM, b. 30 June 1788. Harry E. Gifford, hereafter HEG, shows: "d. returning from England; buried at sea." Not further traced.
- iv. SOPHIA, b. 4 March 1790; m. 12 Dec. 1812 SILAS HATCH (FATR).
- v. MARIAH, b. 2 Nov. 1792; d. 13 Apr. 1878; m. 8 May 1815 ELIAS MARBLE, called "transient" in Sandwich Town Records. HEG calls Marble a "Congregational minister settled in Winchester, N. H." Eight children.
- vi. CHRISTOPHER, b. ca. 1795; living in 1807 when named in his grandfather's will. Not further traced.
- vii. STEPHEN, b. 28 Feb. 1797; d. ca. 1812. HEG shows: "d. at sea, 15 yrs old."
- viii. CHARLES, b. 9 Feb. 1799; d. 14 Aug. 1874; m. 22 Oct. 1821 MARY REED, b. 15 Jan. 1800, d. 17 July 1881. Ten children. HEG shows: "Settled at Braintree."
- ix. NATHANIEL, b. ca. 1801; living 9 Nov. 1807, when named in his grandfather's will. HEG calls him "Nathan" and notes that he moved to New Orleans, La. Not further traced.
- x. REBECCA, b. ca. 1803; d. perhaps at birth. She is not named in her grandfather's will.

#### Children by second wife, Mary Sampson:

- xi. EDMUND, b. perhaps ca. 1810; m. 25 July 1841 LUCY (WINSOR) SAMPSON; removed to Elgin, Ill. Children: 1. *Ada Fessenden*, b. Fair Haven 30 Aug. 1842; m. Daniel Sampson. Two children. 2. *Ella Frances*, b. 27 June 1844; m. (1) ——— Patter-

son, moved to Tama City, Ia.; (2) ——— Dennison of Chicago. 3. *Charles Frederick*, b. Elgin, Ill., 25 June 1847; m. Mary ———. Had issue. 4. *Mary Sophia*, b. Elgin 9 Sept. 1849; d. 14 Dec. 1860. 5. *George Eddie*, b. Elgin 12 Aug. 1855; d. 20 Oct. 1856. 6. *Ernest Stephen* (twin), b. 23 Sept. 1859; d. 25 Sept. 1859. 7. *Effie Florence* (twin), b. 23 Sept. 1859; d. 25 Sept. 1859. 8. *Pauline*, b. Elgin 7 Aug. 1860; d. 24 Oct. 1860.

- xii. STEPHEN NYE, b. 21 July 1815; d. Duxbury 18 Apr. 1886 g. s. Mayflower Cemetery); m. (1) 26 Jan. 1853 FLORENCE GREGORY WINSOR, dau. Gershom and Jane (Winsor) Winsor of Duxbury, b. 15 Aug. 1832, d. 19 Sept. 1859; (2) 1 Jan. 1861 ADA WINSOR, sister of his first wife. Stephen Gifford, left fatherless at the age of ten, by hard work managed to obtain a good education, became a teacher and established a private school; member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and from 1858 until his death was clerk of the State Senate (see his memorial volume [1886] in the Society's Library). Child, by first wife: 1. *Stephen Wentworth Gifford*, b. 9 Sept. 1859; d. Apr. 1920; m. 11 Apr. 1883 Ella Louise Chandler. This is the line of our project collaborator Stephen Wentworth Gifford, son of Stephen Wentworth<sup>8</sup> and Marjorie (Young) Gifford. Children by second wife: 2. *Mary Nye*, b. 21 July 1866. 3. *Paul Winsor*, b. 5 Dec. 1868. 4. *Carleton Sprague*, b. 29 June 1876.

[To be continued]

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