

- Frederick A.*, b. ca. 1821, d. "ae. 44" 12 Jan. 1865, m. Elizabeth Jordan, b. ca. 1825, d. "age 53" 14 March 1878. 4. *Sanford Robinson*, b. 10 July 1823, d. 29 Aug. 1880, a distinguished landscape painter. 5. *Maria M.*, b. ca. 1824. 6. *William H.*, b. 12 Aug. 1825, d. 12 Feb. 1898, m. Cordelia C. Rowland, b. ca. 1828, d. 1 April 1856, dau. of Ephraim and Sarah (——) Rowland. 7. *James*, b. 3 Oct. 1829, d. 9 April 1904, m. Almira S. Beadle, b. 20 Jan. 1830, d. 16 July 1900, dau. of Thomas D. and Phebe Ann (Starbuck) Beadle of South Easton. 8. *Edward H.*, b. ca. 1832, d. at New Orleans, 10 Aug. 1863, a Major in the 128th New York State Vols. 9. *Mary*, b. 30 Nov. 1836, d. unm. at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 4 April 1904. 10. *Julia*, b. ca. 1838, d. after 1904, m. Robert F. Wilkinson of Poughkeepsie. 11. *Cornelia*, b. ca. 1840.
- ii. JONATHAN W., b. ca. 1798; d. 30 July 1878 (petition of his widow for Letters of Administration, 2 Aug. 1878); m. (1) 3 Sept. 1819 CYNTHIA TABER, b. 4 April 1798, d. 25 Jan. 1839, dau. of Lewis and Amy (Davis) Taber; m. (2) LUCIA G. ———, b. in Vt., ca. 1801, d. 11 May 1883 "age 81y. 11m. 11d." (Greenfield, N.Y., vital records). Children mentioned in his father's will.
- iii. JOHN, b. ca. 1801; d. 5 Jan. 1863 (petition of his son Elihu for letters of administration, 25 May 1863); m. 1823 HANNAH WING, d. 8 July 1841, dau. of Nehemiah and Esther (Underhill) Wing. Son Elihu B. Gifford of the Town of Naples, Buffalo Co., Wis., petitioned 25 May 1863, "John Gifford of the Town of Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York . . . departed this life at his late residence . . . on or about 5 Jan. 1863. . . . Your petitioner represents that he is of full age and is a son of the said deceased. That said deceased left no widow him surviving." On 28 May 1863 a bond was set at \$1000 for Elihu B. Gifford of Naples, Wis., and Elihu Gifford and William H. Gifford of the City of Hudson, Columbia Co., N.Y., with James Gifford serving as witness. Children (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 46): 1. *Frances*, b. ca. 1824, m. Edwin Williams. 2. *Esther*, b. ca. 1826. 3. *Phebe Jane*, b. ca. 1829, m. Henry Northcross. 4. *Elihu B.*, b. ca. 1832, m. Catherine S. ———, living in Wis. as late as 1881. 5. *Mary*, b. ca. 1841, m. ——— Bush, lived at Easton, N.Y. 6. *Rodney Buell*.
- iv. RUTH, b. 12 April 1808; d. 23 April 1843 "age 35y. 11d." (g.s.); m. BENJAMIN F. PRIOR. Her gravestone in the Prior Cemetery, Greenfield, identifies her as the dau. of Silas and Elizabeth and the wife of Benjamin Prior. Since no heirs of his dau. Ruth are mentioned in Silas Gifford's will, it is probable that she died without issue.

185. CHARLES⁵ GIFFORD (*Jonathan*⁴, *Silas*³, *Jonathan*², *William*¹) was born, probably at Dartmouth, Mass., 26 June 1772, and died at Ledyard, Cayuga Co., N.Y., 19 March 1847. He married first at Dartmouth, 26 Feb. 1795 PHEBE WINSLOW, who has not been identified (*Dartmouth VRs*, 2:195). He married second at New Bedford, 11 Sept. 1829 SARAH DAVIS, born at New Bedford, 3 May 1785, daughter of

Nicholas and Sarah (Williams) Davis. The record in New Bedford of this second marriage is as follows: "Charles Gifford of Ledyard, Cayuga Co., N.Y., son of Jonathan and Deborah (dec'd) of Dartmouth, and Sarah Davis, dau. of Nicholas and Sarah (dec'd) of Fairhaven."

The 1800 census shows Charles Gifford at Easton, Washington Co., N.Y., with a wife and three males under 10. The *History of Washington County, N.Y. (1737-1878)* (Philadelphia, 1878) lists Charles Gifford in 1800 as Pathmaster for Road 16. By 1810 Charles had removed to Greenfield, Saratoga Co., where he is shown with three males under 10, one female under 10, and his wife and himself between 26 and 45. No deeds for Charles Gifford are on record in Saratoga Co. and apparently his stay there was short. The Cayuga Co. Quaker Records note the following: "From Galway, New York, in 1813, came Charles and Phebe Gifford and their three children, John, David and Mary." (Emily Howland, *Early History of Friends in Cayuga County, N.Y.* [Auburn, N.Y., 1882], 43).

The Town of Ledyard in Cayuga Co. was formed from Scipio in 1823. Both Charles Gifford and his brother Abner appear in the 1820 census at Scipio. Charles was head of a family of two males between 10 and 16, two between 18 and 26, one over 45, one female under 10, one between 16 and 26, and one over 45. In 1830 his household consisted of himself and his wife, Sarah, one male between 10 and 15, two between 20 and 30, and two females between 15 and 20.

The will of Charles Gifford was dated 26 Sept. 1841 and proved 6 July 1847. In it is mentioned his wife Sarah; his daughter Mary Tripp, "wife of Nicholas Tripp"; and grandchildren Thomas Gifford, Charles Gifford, and William B. Gifford. Since the grandchildren were all minors Ebenezer B. Cobb was appointed guardian. The executors were Sarah Gifford and Nicholas Tripp. The will was witnessed by Abner Gifford and Ann Elizabeth Woodcock (Surrogates Office, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Box 17).

There are unanswered questions regarding the children of Charles Gifford. Certainly, all the male members of his household in 1820 and 1830 could not have been his sons. H. E. Gifford names a son Thomas (*Gifford Genealogy*, 45). This is a possibility since three males under 10 were listed in 1810. Only two sons, John and David, accompanied their parents from Galway in 1813. H. E. Gifford has confused John Gifford, son of Silas Gifford, with John, the eldest son of Charles.

Children:

- i. JOHN⁶, b. ca. 1800; d.s.p. between 1830 and 1840.
- ii. DAVID, b. ca. 1802; d. after 1840 and prob. bef. 26 Sept. 1841; m. ESTHER BIRDSALL, b. in Westchester Co., N.Y., ca. 1812, dau. of William and Ruth (Carpenter) Birdsall. Ch.: 1. *Phebe Jane*, b. 1832, no issue (*ibid.*, 46). 2. *Thomas*, b. ca. 1834, d.s.p. 3. *Charles*, b. ca. 1836, m. Amanda Anthony. 4. *William Birdsall*, b. ca. 1840, m. (1) Sarah Howland, m. (2) Carrie Lucky, an artist.

- iii. MARY, b. ca. 1804; m. NICHOLAS TRIPP.
- iv. ABBY, b. ca. 1814; d. prob. s.p. bef. 1841; m. BENJAMIN GOULD.

186. ABNER⁵ GIFFORD (*Jonathan⁴, Silas³, Jonathan², William¹*) was born probably at Dartmouth, Mass., 18 Sept. 1780, and died 11 April 1864 "age 83y. 7m." (g.s. Ledyard, Cayuga Co., N.Y.). He married about 1803 MARY ALLEN, born in Rhode Island, 7 Dec. 1787, died at the home of her son Sanford, near Aurora, Cayuga Co., N.Y., 9 Sept. 1867 "age 79y. 9m. 2d." (g.s.). She is buried near her husband in the Allen-Gifford graveyard at Barbers' Corners, Ledyard.

From the inscription on Abner Gifford's gravestone we learn that he moved to Saratoga Co. in 1801 and Ledyard, Cayuga Co., 1 Feb. 1817. In Saratoga Co. Deeds (R:303) Abner and Mary Gifford, his wife, of Greenfield conveyed on 20 April 1815 for \$1000 to Prentice Brown of Greenfield, 49 acres, the south half of lot No. 2 of Lot No. 11 of the 22nd allotment of the Kayaderosseras Patent. The fifth parcel mentioned in the conveyance of 2 Feb. 1827 (*ibid.*, 0:132) from John and Cynthia Gifford to Samuel Cook was part of lot No. 7 of Lot 2 of Lot 7 of the 22nd allotment, 100 acres, which Abner and Mary Gifford had sold to John Gifford on 16 April 1816. It is apparent that Abner Gifford was preparing for his move to Cayuga County.

Cayuga Co. Quaker Records note the transfer "in 1817 from Galway, N.Y., of Mary, wife of Abner Gifford." (Howland, *Friends in Cayuga County*, 44.)

Abner Gifford appears in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses of Scipio and Ledyard (formed from Scipio).

The will of Abner Gifford, dated 3 Jan. 1861 and proved 28 April 1864 (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Box 53) mentions his wife Mary; sons, Abner S. and Sanford; Wealthy A. Gifford, widow of son Jonathan; grandsons George S., Elihu, Alden, and Ichabod, sons of Abner S.; and granddaughters, Abbie F. and Anna Elizabeth, daughters of son Sanford. The witnesses were Hicks Anthony and Nicholas Tripp of Ledyard.

The will of Mary Gifford "aged 78 and upwards, widow of Abner" was dated 2 May 1864 and proved 9 Sept. 1867 (Cayuga Co. Surrogate's Office, Box 60). She mentioned her son Abner S. and his sons, George S., Elihu, Alden, Ichabod, and Frederick; her son Sanford and his family; and her daughter-in-law Statira, mother of Abbie F. Lyon and Anna Elizabeth Gifford. Her son Sanford was named sole executor. The will was witnessed by Hicks Anthony and Coral C. White, Jr.

Children, dates of birth and death supplied in 1957 by Elizabeth (Lyon) Kabelac of Aurora, N.Y., from a Gifford Bible:

- i. ICHABOD WILBUR⁶, b. 12 Dec. 1808; d. 1 Aug. 1831; unm.
- ii. SANFORD, b. 8 Jan. 1812; d. 9 Nov. 1880; m. STATIRA J. WHITE, b. ca. 1812 in the area which became Tompkins Co., N.Y. Ch.: 1. *Abbie F.*, b. ca. 1839, m. Hiram D. Lyon. 2. *Anna Elizabeth*, b. ca. 1841, m. Howard Chase.