

Spring. Our farm consisted of 96 acres of land which Father purchased in the fall of 1833 for twenty shillings per acre. Wild animals were very plenty: deer, Turkeys, wolves, Bears, Wildcats, hedgehogs. In the year 1839 two of my sisters were taken by death by Consumption. Lois West died 1841 in Windham.

Children, born at Columbus, N.Y. (Account Book of William Sidney Gifford):

- i. HARRIET<sup>6</sup>, b. 19 April 1807; d. at Pittsfield, Ohio, 19 April 1839, of consumption, unm. The account book notes "Harriet Gifford went to learn her trade — 1827."
- ii. LOIS, b. 6 March 1809 (*Lee VRs*, 48, with the notation "b. Columbus, N.Y."); d. at Windham, Ohio, 22 July 1841; m. 1 Feb. 1832 OLIVER WEST, prob. the son of Oliver and Thankful (Nye) West of Lee.
- iii. ELIZA, b. 10 Feb. 1811; d. 1844; m. SHELDON PALMER, b. 1809.
- iv. JOHN NYE, b. 12 Nov. 1812; d. 1884; m. March 1839 MARTHA MESSINGER, b. 18 Nov. 1818. Five children.
- v. SARAH, b. 9 April 1815; d. 23 Sept. 1839 of consumption, unm.
- vi. CORNELIUS FRARY, b. 10 Sept. 1817; d.s.p. 13 Nov. 1900; m. Oct. 1843 LUCINA WHITNEY, b. 3 July 1818, d. 10 Sept. 1904.
- vii. ESTHER, b. 1 March 1819; d. 9 March 1911; m. (1) 22 Feb. 1842 JOSEPH STONE, d. 26 July 1856; m. (2) in 1868 ABNER EARL, d. 1885.
- viii. WILLIAM SIDNEY, b. 8 Feb. 1821; d. at Camden, Lorain Co., Ohio, testate, 1 Jan. 1899; m. 12 June 1851 ISABELLA CANNAN, b. 31 Aug. 1824, d. 1 March 1900, dau. of John and Mary (Hamilton) Cannan, who migrated from Alston, Eng., to Lorain Co. Ch.: 1. *Lafayette*. 2. *Fremont*. 3. *Grant*, b. 16 April 1869, d. 24 May 1939, m. 6 Sept. 1899 Harriet Rose. (The daughter of Grant and Harriet, Frances Mariam Gifford, supplied the data on this family). 4. *Mary Eastman*. 5. *Martha Tennant*.
- ix. CORDELIA, b. 5 April 1824 (or 1825); d. 10 March 1916; m. 27 April 1848 MARK WHITNEY, b. 17 Dec. 1818, d. 2 Feb. 1907.

**188.** ALVAN<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*Jesse*<sup>4</sup>, *Cornelius*<sup>3</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lee, Mass., 13 Jan. 1794, baptized there, 18 May 1794 (*Records of the Town of Lee*, 157, 278), and died possibly in 1853. He married at Lee, 17 Nov. 1812 SUSANNA ROBERTS, born 11 Dec. 1793, died in 1874 (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 24), daughter of Amos and Susanna (—) Roberts of Lee. She was a sister to Deborah Roberts who married Alvan's brother Abraham.

We know very little about this family beyond the births at Lee of twelve children. Marriage and death dates are from H.E. Gifford (*ibid.*, 24). Search in Berkshire Co. deeds and wills might add further details.

Children:

- i. INFANT, d. 2 Feb. 1813 (It is probable that the year should be 1814).
- ii. INFANT, d. 21 Nov. 1813 or 28 Nov. 1814 (Town Records).

- iii. JESSE, b. 31 March 1814; d. in 1895; m. (int. at Lee, 15 Nov. 1845) JULIA VIDETO. Town records show one son, Henry Arthur, b. in New York, 18 March 1849. Perhaps Jesse was already in New York by 1845 and returned to marry. Three children (Gifford, *Gifford Genealogy*, 36).
- iv. CHILD, b. 1 May 1816.
- v. CHARLES, b. 1 Oct. 1817 (1818, *ibid.*, 24); d. 1875; m. 1849 LAURA DOWD.
- vi. HARVEY OSBORN, b. 2 Jan. 1821; m. MELISSA PARSONS (*ibid.*, 36). At least two sons.
- vii. SUSANNA, b. 3 Nov. 1822; m. 1844 FRANKLIN MINER, b. 1820, d. 1886. Five children (*ibid.*, 24).
- viii. WILLIAM, b. 3 July 1825; m. HARRIET SMITH.
- ix. BENJAMIN BACON, b. 20 Feb. 1827; m. April 1850 MARGARET E. LASKEY, b. 19 Nov. 1830, d. Aug. 1879 (*ibid.*, 36).
- x. MARY MELISSA, b. 15 July 1828; d. 1853; m. 1847 ROCKWELL WILSON. At least one dau. (*ibid.*, 24).
- xi. MARTIN SYLVESTER; Lee records show "rec. between 15 July 1828 and 15 Aug. 1834." H. E. Gifford (*Gifford Genealogy*, 24) shows "Martin G."
- xii. LUCY, b. 15 Aug. 1834; d. 15 Sept. 1835 "ae. 2yr."

**189.** JOHN<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*John*<sup>4</sup>, *Sylvanus*<sup>3</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Lee, Mass., 31 May 1785. There is no record in Lee of his death and he may have moved west. He married about 1808 URSULA ———.

The information about this family is sparse. Berkshire deeds and probates may yield some clues as to the later moves of the family.

Children, born at Lee:

- i. SYLVANUS<sup>6</sup>, b. 6 Feb. 1809; m. (1) (int. at Lee, 24 March 1833) CATHERINE D. BUSHNELL of Otis, Mass., d. 3 May 1835 "ae. 21"; m. (2) at Lee, 9 Sept. 1837 JULIA ANIS GOODRICH.
- ii. INFANT, b. Oct. 1810; d. 19 March 1811 "ae. 6 mos."
- iii. SYLVIA, b. 14 Sept. 1813.
- iv. LUCRETIA, b. 28 Dec. 1814; m. at Lee, 10 Aug. 1836 CHARLES STURGIS.
- v. ADAJAH, b. 11 Sept. 1815.
- vi. BETHUEL, b. 22 June 1817; m. (int. at Lee, 14 Dec. 1839) ANN ELIZA STEDMAN.
- vii. ELEANOR, b. 24 Aug. 1819; d. 2 Feb. 1820 "ae. 6 mos."
- viii. JOHN BARNARD, b. 7 Jan. 1821; m. at Lee, 1 May 1842 LYDIA F. BAKER. He is called "of Otis."
- ix. GEORGE ADAMS, b. 20 Sept. 1823; m. (int. at Lee, 10 Nov. 1843) LUCY L. MECUM.

**190.** BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> GIFFORD (*James*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *James*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Rochester, Mass., 26 May 1787, and died, probably at Provincetown, Mass., 17 Sept. 1828. He married first at Barnstable, Mass., 29 Sept. 1808 SALLEY ALLEN of Sandwich (*Mayflower Descendant* 19