

and testament" (Suffolk County Deeds, 90:192). We suspect that Josiah inherited from his mother's family land in Fairfield County, Massachusetts (now Maine), and in Hampshire County, near Springfield. Also, he seems to have bought land from Silas³ Gifford (*Jonathan*²) and from the heirs of James² Gifford. Certainly he inherited or purchased part of the original William Gifford property at Springhill in Sandwich.

The will of Josiah Gifford of Sandwich, dated 29 January 1776, proved in 1784, bequeaths

To my wife Elizabeth [use during widowhood of one third of the real estate in Sandwich and one half of the household goods, but if she remarries, £6]. To my son Samuel Gifford all the land and real estate whatever that I own at Springfield and £46. To my son Lemuel Gifford . . . my lot lying on Springhill with the buildings thereon . . . all my homeland and meadow that lyeth below the road, it being all I purchased of Silas Gifford and all the land adjoining to it . . . Also one half of my land adjoining the Scorton (?) River; and one half my meadow I bought of James Gifford's heirs at Pine Island; my wood lot called the Long Lot which layeth above the springs adjoining my twenty acre . . . said Real Estate given to said Lemuel all layeth in the town of Sandwich . . . one half of my land at sheep Pasture (?) in the eastward part. To my son Joseph Gifford . . . lands and meadows in Sandwich and to eastward not disposed of to son Lemuel. To my daughter Abigail Gifford, one bed and furniture . . . and £13 . . . at twenty one or on her marriage day; two thirds of my household goods and the privilege to live in my house until her marriage. To my sons Lemuel and Joseph Gifford live stock, husbandry tackling, two looms and stays (Barnstable County Probates, 23:220).

Children recorded in Sandwich:

94. i. SAMUEL⁵, b. 30 Mar. 1751.
95. ii. LEMUEL, b. 1 Dec. 1752.
- iii. JANE, b. 20 Nov. 1754; d. 20 Nov. 1756.
96. iv. JOSEPH, b. 12 Aug. 1756.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. 7 May 1758; mar. 6 Feb. 1806 LEVI CROSBY.

38. SAMUEL⁴ GIFFORD (*John*³⁻², *William*¹) was born 21 April 1705, and he died in Rochester between 26 August 1749 and 10 July 1750, intestate.

He married in Sandwich 8 January 1730/1, MARY LUMBERT, who has not been identified.

Samuel Gifford was given all the real estate in his father's will of 26 August 1749, in which he was named sole executor. But evidently he died rather unexpectedly before 26 August 1750, when the inventory of Samuel Gifford's estate was presented by the widow Mary Gifford. The court appointed the widow administratrix of the estate of her father-in-law. Her accounting is dated 13 July 1751, at which time she also submitted an accounting of the intestate estate of her husband (Plymouth County Probates, 12:360). No names of children appear in the probate ledger. There is a possibility that additional data may be found in the docket files. We have seen that John³ Gifford named his grandchildren Ruben, Katherine, Wesson, Salvanus, Huldah, Desire, and Justice Gifford and Desire Allen (who had

received her share of the estate). From other data we know that Desire (Gifford) Allen, Reuben, Catherine, Weston, and Sylvanus Gifford were children of his daughter Ruth and her husband Justice³ Gifford. The other three, Huldah, Desire, and Justice, are clearly the children of Samuel Gifford, although they are not explicitly so designated. The Plymouth County probates and deeds should be rechecked to confirm this.

Children (only the birth of Huldah is recorded in Falmouth):

- i. HULDAH⁵, b. 11 Nov. 1731. Not traced further.
- ii. DESIRE, b. ca. 1733; mar. 7 Sept. 1758 THOMAS MATTHEWS (*Rochester Vital Records*).
97. iii. JUSTICE, b. ca. 1735.

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