

in her 79th year (*United States Chronicle* [Providence], 19 Jan. 1793). She is probably the Sarah Gifford listed in the 1790 Census at Providence as head of a household of two females. It is possible that this Peleg had issue.

- v. BENJAMIN, b. 6 Sept. 1755; d. 3 Feb. 1759 (Arnold, *R.I. Vital Record*, 1:118).
- vi. JOHN, b. 29 Apr. 1758; d. before 29 Apr. 1786; mar. 30 July 1779 MEHITABLE BURKITT. A Mrs. Mehitable Gifford, widow of John Gifford, mar. Thomas Bennett. There may have been issue.

41. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Josiah*³, *John*², *William*¹) was born 2 May 1717, and he died, testate, at Falmouth in 1785.

He married 25 March 1742 LUCIANNA HATCH, daughter of Abial and Rebeckah (Wing) Hatch, born circa 1721, died before 18 April 1783, when she is not named in her husband's will (see Sandwich Monthly Meeting Records, 1:154). Considerable confusion has been caused by the fact that in one account John Gifford is said to have had a wife Rebecca Jones. A study of the Friends records and of the Jones family shows that Luciana's mother, the widow Rebecca Hatch, married Shubael Jones.

John Gifford may have left Falmouth for a time as the births of only three children are recorded there. If so, he had returned before April 1783 when his will was executed.

An original deed from the Gifford/Davis collection, dated 9 October 1784, shows that John Gifford, house carpenter, sold Barnabas Bowerman a piece of marsh or meadow containing approximately three acres for £64.15s. John Gifford personally appeared and acknowledged the deed on 20 January 1785.

The will of John Gifford of Falmouth, dated 18 April 1783, proved after 20 January 1785, gives

To my two daughters, Susannah and Rosannah [the improvement of his dwelling house], and one quarter acre of land adjoining it, as long as one or both of them shall live unmarried [household goods to be equally divided between them]. To my three eldest sons, David Gifford, Jesse Gifford, and Lot Gifford, that piece of land where Jesse's house now stands, to be equally divided. . . . To my four younger sons: John, Christopher, Paul and Abner, all my homestead land and my salt meadow, to be equally divided amongst them.

The will was witnessed by David Crowel, Cella Crowel, and Stephen Bowerman. His son Jesse Gifford was named sole executor (Barnstable County Probates, 23:476).

Children, the births of the first three recorded at Falmouth:

- 100. i. DAVID⁵, b. 22 June 1741.
- 101. ii. JESSE, b. 23 Feb. 1745.
- 102. iii. LOT, b. 13 June 1747.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. ca. 1749; living unmar. 18 Apr. 1783.

103. v. JOHN, b. ca. 1751.
 vi. ROSANNAH, b. ca. 1753; living unmar. 18 Apr. 1783.
 vii. CHRISTOPHER, b. ca. 1755; living 18 Apr. 1783. No further record.
104. viii. PAUL, b. ca. 1757.
 ix. ABNER, b. ca. 1759; d. after 14 Nov. 1838; mar. perhaps ca. 1783 MARY, b. ca. 1763; d. 14 Jan. 1842 "in her 80th yr, after 46 years a member of the Society of Friends" (Hudson, Columbia Co., N. Y., Death Records). Further search in the land and surrogate records of Albany and Columbia counties, N. Y., is indicated. That it is this Abner Gifford who went to Hudson (as did his brother, John) is proved by the following deed: "Abner Gifford of Hudson, Columbia County, New York," sold for \$4.00 to Prince Gifford and Maltiah Gifford of Falmouth, Barnstable County, Mass., all his rights "to one undivided 7th part of that lot, situate in sd. Falmouth, formerly occupied by my brother Lot Gifford, deceased" about ¼ acre "formerly the property of my father, John Gifford, deceased" (Barnstable County Deeds, 22:117).

42. SAMUEL⁴ GIFFORD (*Josiah³, John², William¹*) was born 10 February 1720/21, and he died, testate, in Sandwich in April 1798. The entry for 29 April 1798 of the Diary of Benjamin Percival reads, "Samuel Gifford died last week."

He married 13 December 1757, MARIA HANDY, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fish) Handy (Lydia B. P. Brownson and Maclean W. McLean, "Richard Handy of Sandwich, Mass. ca. 1645-1719," *Register*, 125 [1971]: 188).

Samuel Gifford is listed at Sandwich in the 1790 Census as head of a family of two males over 16, two under 16, and five females.

The will of Samuel Gifford of Sandwich, dated 24 April 1796, proved in 1798, gives

To my wife Maria Gifford the use of one third of the real estate; one half of my dwelling house and one third of the personal estate. To my sons Benjamin Gifford, Nathan Gifford and Josiah Gifford (if Josiah be alive), one dollar each. To my son Alden Gifford all the real and personal estate not before disposed of, and he to be sole executor (Barnstable County Probates, 28:279).

Children, recorded in Sandwich:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵, b. 6 Sept. 1759; d. Hyannis 10 Sept. 1846; mar. ca. 1777 CAPT. JOB HANDY (Brownson and McLean, "Richard Handy," *Register*, 126 [1972]: 57).
 ii. MARCY, b. 16 Mar. 1761; d. unmar.
 iii. JOSIAH, b. 6 Apr. 1763; d. before April 1799 when his widow remarried, and possibly before the date of his father's will; mar. 17 Aug. 1789 ELIZABETH HANDY, dau. of John Handy, b. ca. 1767; d. 27 May 1841. One child: *Sophronia*, b. 28 Nov. 1789;