

- v. MARY, b. ca. 1758.
- vi. SARAH, b. ca. 1762; mar. in Falmouth 29 Nov. 1787 (Town Records) THEOPHILUS FISH, son of Samuel and Sarah (Dimmock) Fish of Falmouth, b. ca. 1764. Not traced further.
- vii. RHODA, b. August 1766; d. 16 Nov. 1826.
- viii. ISAAC, bp. 16 Apr. 1769; mar. 5 Apr. 1790 JANE SANFORD. Children: 1. *Parthena* (?), b. ca. 1792. 2. *Emeline*, b. ca. 1794; mar. Reuben Hamblen (?) of Wareham. Not traced further.
- ix. SUSANNAH, bp. 4 Aug. 1771; mar. 9 Jan. 1805 JESSE CROWELL.
- x. LOVE, bp. 1 Aug. 1778; d. in 1871 aged 96; mar. 15 Apr. 1804 CAPT. AARON NYE.

**44.** BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup> GIFFORD (*Josiah*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 14 June 1732, and he died, testate, at Dartmouth in 1779.

He married (int. in Dartmouth, 13 September 1760) RUTH WHITTEN, widow of John<sup>2</sup> Shepard (Daniel<sup>1</sup>) of Portsmouth, R. I. (Gerald F. Shepard, *Shepard Families of New England* [New Haven, 1973], 3:11).

Benjamin Gifford owned land in Bristol County in 1778. Whether the land came to him by inheritance or by purchase has not been determined.

The will of Benjamin Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 25:10 mo:1778, proved 4 March 1779 gives

To my son Stephen Gifford, my farm bought of Joseph Mosher, my salt meadow on the great flat in Accoakset River [he to take possession at the conclusion of Thomas Howland's lease]; live stock; one half of the farming utensils [to be delivered when he is of age, and one half wearing apparel]. To my son Chadwick Gifford, my farm bought of Daniel Rogers [he to take possession at 21, the other half farming utensils and wearing apparel]. To my son Benjamin Gifford, land bought of George Sherman [when 21]. To my daughter Grace Gifford, one half household goods or indoor moveables and 20 silver dollars, to be paid by my son Stephen when she comes of age. To my daughter Ruth Gifford, the other half of indoor moveables, my great Bible, twelve silver dollars, to be paid by son Chadwick when she arrives at lawful age. My intent is that my executor sell my salt meadows, marsh that I bought of Nicholas Howland in order to discharge debts [and to sell more of the livestock if necessary].

He appointed "my friend James Sowle, 2d" as guardian of his children and as sole executor. The witnesses were Ephraim Potter, Jacob Chase, and Mercy Gifford (Bristol County Probates, 26:7).

Children (no birth records found):

- i. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup>, b. perhaps ca. 1761.
- ii. CHADWICK, b. perhaps ca. 1763; living 16 Mar. 1822 when he witnessed a deed of William and Anna Potter of Dartmouth.
- iii. GRACE, b. ca. 1765; mar. 2:2mo. 1781 NATHANIEL SISSON. They removed to the Nine Partners' grant, Dutchess Co., N. Y., by 1783.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. ca. 1767-1770.
- v. RUTH, b. ca. 1772.