

County Barnstable, husbandman, one half of Lot No. 131 and also a gristmill and dwelling house" (recorded 31 August 1785, Hampshire County Deeds, 1:383). Evidently this property lay within what by 1790 was the town of Conway as the 1790 Census lists Noah Gifford at Conway with a household of one male over 16, one under 16 and three females.

Search of Franklin County deeds and probates, and of various Friends' records is needed to supplement this account.

The names of Noah Gifford's children below and other data was supplied by Dr. Gerald R. Fuller and another descendant, Samuel Kendall Gifford. No birth records were found in Sandwich or Falmouth, and only one each in Conway and Adams.

Children:

- i. JUDAH⁵, b. ca. 1785; said to have m. MILLIE ———; no further record.
- ii. MERIBAH, b. ca. 1787; m. JOSEPH FLETCHER.
181. iii. LEVI, b. in Conway 15 Aug. 1789.
- iv. TAMAR, b. ca. 1791; no further record.
182. v. ALPHEUS, recorded in Adams 28 Aug. 1793.
- vi. ICHABOD BOWERMAN, b. ca. 1795.
- vii. ARMELLA, b. ca. 1797; m. JOSEPH FLETCHER, widower of her sister Meribah.

86. LEVI⁴ GIFFORD (*Peleg³, Jonathan², William¹*) was born 22 December 1764, and he died, testate, at Paoli, Orange County, Indiana. This birth date is found in the records of the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends at Orange, now Alamance County, North Carolina (see William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy*, 3 vols. [Ann Arbor, 1936], 1:352). However, the birth probably occurred at Dartmouth or some other town in Massachusetts.

He married, probably in Orange County, about 1788, MARGARET WELLS, born there 4 May 1759, daughter of Joseph and Charity (Carentine) Wells of Orange.

It is said that he removed to North Carolina about 1783. The 1790 Census shows him at St. Asaph's, Orange County, North Carolina, as does the 1810 Census. About 1814 he removed to Paoli, Orange County, Indiana, where he died. His will, probated there 15 September 1832, names his children.

Children; recorded in Cane Creek Friends' records to Levi and Margaret (Hinshaw, 1:352):

183. i. JESSE⁵, b. 23 May 1789.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 22 Oct. 1790; m. 12 Sept. 1809 DANIEL ELLIS.
- iii. PELEG, b. 10 Apr. 1793.
- iv. LEVI, b. 25 Aug. 1799; d. 1865; m. SARAH BAKER.

87. JONATHAN⁴ GIFFORD (*Silas³, Jonathan², William¹*) was born 2

April 1742, and he died, testate, 7 December 1815 at Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York.

He married 3 April 1766, DEBORAH MACOMBER, daughter of Timothy Macomber and Elizabeth (Rogers) Macomber of Dartmouth, born about 1746, died at Dartmouth 12 January 1801. The death dates for the couple do not appear in the Dartmouth records, nor do the births of their children. They were supplied by Elizabeth (Lyon) Kabelac, a descendant, of Aurora, New York, from a family Bible.

By a deed dated 12 April 1780, Silas Gifford sold to this son Jonathan Gifford a major portion of the father's property in Dartmouth (Bristol County Deeds, 15:547), and Jonathan added to his holdings by purchases from Ichabod Gifford (*ibid.*, 15:548) and from Stephen Gifford (*ibid.*, 15:549). All three deeds were recorded 22 December 1801, shortly before Jonathan removed to New York State. (See *ibid.*, 17:247, 248 for Jonathan's disposal of his Dartmouth lands.)

The will of Jonathan Gifford of Dartmouth, dated 8 April 1801, proved at Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, New York, 6 February 1817 (Bk. 5, p. 29), bequeaths to his sons: Silas, Charles, John and Abner, and to his daughters: Rhoda Wilbur, Abigail White and Elizabeth Gifford, then unmarried.

Children (Lyon Family Bible):

- i. RHODA⁵, b. 17 Sept. 1767; d. 10 Aug. 1852 Easton, N. Y.; m. at Dartmouth 25 Jan. 1787 ICHABOD WILBUR.
184. ii. SILAS, b. 29 Jan. 1770.
185. iii. CHARLES, b. 26 June 1772.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. 25 Mar. 1775; d. 29 Apr. 1855; m. (int. at Dartmouth 12 Dec. 1798) GIDEON WHITE.
- v. JOHN, b. 25 Apr. 1778; d. 14 Jan. 1855 "age 77" (Bailey Cemetery, Greenfield, New York); m. CYNTHIA BAILEY, b. ca. 1783, d. 10 Dec. 1845 "age 62." In the Bailey Cemetery in Greenfield, there is a stone inscribed as follows: "Cynthia Gifford, daughter of Gen. Samuel Bailey, and wife of John Gifford, died 10 Dec. 1845, age 62." Another entry reads: "John Gifford died 16 Jan. 1855, age 77." In the 1800 Census John Gifford and his brother Abner were included with their father, Jonathan, at Dartmouth, Mass., but John was in Greenfield by 13 April when he bought land from his father (I:122). On 2 Feb. 1827 John Gifford and his wife Cynthia sold to Samuel Cook of Saratoga Springs 364 acres "being all the lands and tenements the said John Gifford owns in said Town" (O:132). No other deeds were recorded in Saratoga County in the name of this John Gifford and no record of an estate for him is to be found in the Saratoga County Surrogate's Office. It is possible that John Gifford removed from Greenfield after selling his property there in 1827. He is shown in 1810 in Greenfield as head of a household of one male 16 to 26, one male 26 to 45, one female under 10, one female 10 to 16, one female 26 to 45.

Only the female under 10 could have been a child of John and Cynthia. The identity of the extra male and female is unknown.

186. vi. ABNER, b. 18 Sept. 1780.

vii. ELIZABETH, b. 7 Jan. 1785; d. 25 Nov. 1844 at Ledyard, N. Y.;
m. AMAZIAH ALLEN.

88. THOMAS⁴ GIFFORD (*Cornelius³, James², William¹*) was born 13 March 1746, and he died at Lee, Massachusetts, 27 September 1786 "killed by the fall of a tree, in his 41st year" (g.s. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee).

He married in Middleborough 14 November 1770, LYDIA THOMSON, daughter of John Thomson, born 21 June 1752 (Town Records, Bailey 2:92). He is called "of Sandwich." (See Charles Hutchinson Thompson, *A Genealogy of the Descendants of John Thomson of Plymouth, Mass.* [Lansing, Michigan, 1890].) She died, the widow of Ephraim Sheldon whom she married 25 May 1794, 28 August 1844 "of old age, ae. 95" (Lee Vital Records).

Thomas Gifford evidently moved to Lee after 1770, probably at the same time as his father. He seems not to have joined the Congregational Church, but his wife was a member, as we see: "1783—Lydia Gifford, wife of Thomas Gifford, her children: Abigail Gifford, Isaac Gifford, Huldah Gifford, Sarah Gifford, Cornelius Gifford—baptized" (*Records of the Town of Lee to 1801* [Lee, Mass., 1900], 250).

Children—no birth records found:

i. ABIGAIL⁵, b. ca. 1771; m. 6 Jan. 1791 DUNCAN SHAW (Lee Vital Records).

ii. ISAAC, b. ca. 1773; no further record.

iii. HULDAH, b. ca. 1775; m. 17 Sept. 1794 ABRAHAM PHINNEY (*ibid.*).

iv. SARAH, b. ca. 1777; m. 28 Dec. 1798 JOSEPH FRAREY (*ibid.*).

187. v. CORNELIUS, b. ca. 1781.

89. JESSE⁴ GIFFORD (*Cornelius³, James², William¹*) was born 12 May 1752, and he died in Lee 2 March 1841 "ae. 89" (Lee Vital Records; g.s. Fairmount Cemetery, Lee).

He married 2 June 1774 RUTH PERRY (Sandwich Town Records, 1:147), born about 1753, baptized 10 September 1761 (Sandwich 1st Church Records), died in Lee, 31 July 1835 "ae. 82." She was the daughter of Arthur⁴ Perry (*John³, John², Ezra¹*) and Catherine Gifford (*Justus³ Gifford and Ruth⁴ Gifford*, daughter of *John³*). See "Ezra Perry of Sandwich, Mass.," *Register*, 115 (1961):276.

Under date of 9 January 1785, Lee Church Records show that "Mr. West administered the sacrament to Jesse Gifford and Ruth his wife" and Jesse was baptized (*Lee Town Records*, 256). On 6 May 1792 Abraham, Phebe, Thomas, Lidia and Abigail, children of Jesse and Ruth Gifford, were baptized (*ibid.*, 259).