

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).

Jesse Gifford is shown in the 1790 Census with a family of one male over 16, two under 16, and three females.

Children (from Lee Vital Records):

- i. CATHERINE⁵, b. 5 Mar. 1775; m. 25 Dec. 1796 HARVEY OSBORN (*ibid.*).
- ii. ELIZABETH (called BETSEY), b. 20 Aug. 1777; m. 7 Oct. 1804 EBENEZER ADAMS (*ibid.*).
- iii. CELIA, b. 22 May 1779.
- iv. ABRAHAM, b. 8 Jan. 1781; bapt. with four younger siblings in the Lee Congregational Church (see above). Harry E. Gifford shows 1824 for the death of this Abraham but we find no confirmation in the published Lee records. He m. in Lee 12 Jan. 1806, DEBORAH ROBERTS (Lee Records), daughter of Amos and Deborah Roberts of Lee, b. 11 May 1780 (*ibid.*). Her younger sister, Susanna, m. Abraham's brother, Alvin. Perhaps Abraham and Deborah moved shortly after marriage, since we find no children in the Lee records. We hope that the Berkshire County deed registry, a dismissal record from the Lee church, or family Bible records will reveal whether this couple produced a family.
- v. PHEBE, b. 23 Mar. 1783.
- vi. THOMAS, b. 17 July 1785.
- vii. LYDIA, b. 10 June 1787.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. 11 Apr. 1789; m. 18 July 1811 ELIJAH WALTERS of Tyringham (*ibid.*).
- ix. RUTH, b. 18 Oct. 1792; bapt. 13 Jan. 1793; m. 19 May 1814 BENJAMIN BACON.
188. x. ALVIN, b. 13 Jan. 1794; bapt. 18 May 1794.

90. JOHN⁴ GIFFORD (*Sylvanus*³, *James*², *William*¹) was born 29 January 1757, and he died at Lee, 2 May 1841 "of old age, aged 84" (Lee Vital Records).

He married about 1780, JOANNA PERRY, daughter of Arthur⁴ and Catherine (Gifford) Perry, baptized at Sandwich 10 September 1761, died at Lee, 5 March 1839 "aet. 80" (Lee Vital Records). Her sister Ruth married Jesse⁴ Gifford (see above).

John Gifford accompanied his father when the latter settled in Lee soon after the Revolution. Town records show that John Gifford; his father; William Chanter, husband of his aunt Eleanor Gifford; and others were exempted from the Ministerial Tax in April 1792 (*Lee Town Records*, 56). On 9 June 1793 "Sylvanus, Sylvia, John, Geneverah & Jesse, children of Joanna Gifford" were baptized (*ibid.*).

John Gifford served in such offices as fence viewer, tithingman, and on various town committees.

Children recorded in Lee to John and Joanna:

- i. SYLVANUS⁵, b. 10 Sept. 1781. No further record but probably