



Giffin Families of the United States and Southern Canada

1. SIMON¹ GIFFIN, born circa 1711, in the northern part of Ireland according to family legend, died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 9 Sept. 1774. He was buried there 11 Sept. 1774 in the old English burial ground of St. Paul's Church with his two wives.

The intent of Simon Giffin to marry JENNET LECHMAN was published 24 Dec. 1739 in Boston, Mass. Three weeks later, 21 Jan. 1739 [sic], it was recorded: "Simon Griffen of Boston married Jennet Lechman." The ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian clergyman, Rev. John Moorhead. The Christian name of his wife was probably Jennet, for her gravestone in St. Paul's Cemetery reads: "Jenet Giffen ye wif of Mr. Simon Giffen . . . departed this life Dec^r ye 27th 1752 aged 34 years."

He married, secondly, in Bridgewater, Mass., 5 Jan. 1758, JENNET (MILLER) BROWN, widow of David Brown who had died 2 April 1753. Although in all known records his second wife's name appears as Jennet, the inscription on her gravestone indicates that "Mrs. Jane Giffin widow of Mr. Simon Giffin died Dec^r 8th, 1775, aged 59 years . . ." There were no children by this marriage.

It is believed that Simon Giffin sailed from Belfast, Ireland, arriving in Boston, Mass., before 1738/9. He lived in the environs of Boston for a few years and left, circa 1749, to make his home in Halifax, N.S. His early occupation is not known, but in Halifax he was a distiller, and his business interests may have caused him to travel to Boston from time to time. He was living in Halifax when his first wife died in 1752, and he probably lived there earlier. A diary kept by Rev. John Seccombe records that on 4 and 10 Dec. 1750 Simon was in Halifax. (*Ref.* "Heuvelton to Halifax, A Diary," September 4, 1881.)

Simon Giffin owned property in the south suburbs of Halifax, as well as 500 acres of land in the Town of Chester, N.S. These holdings are described in "Heuvelton to Halifax, A Diary." According to research undertaken by family members (*ref. 73*), it was reported that he acquired property also in Hardwick, Worcester Co., Mass., but nothing has been found to indicate that he lived there. When he bought land in Hardwick from Joseph Green and Isaac Walker, 3 March 1759, his residence was stated as Halifax. A deed from Aaron and Stephen Forbush, conveying land in Hardwick, 9 April 1759, calls him "of Bridgewater, Mass." In 1769, Elisha Higgins of Hardwick (father-in-law of Simon² Giffin) sold to Simon Giffin "of Halifax" land he had taken on execution following a judgment in the Inferior Court at Worcester.

Children, by first wife, baptized in Boston, Mass., by Rev. John Moorhead:

- 2NS i. GEORGE², bapt. 3 Feb. 1740.
- 3 ii. SIMON, bapt. 5 July 1741.
- 4 iii. ELIZABETH, bapt. 13 April 1746; m. JOHN MORRISON.
- 5 iv. JOHN, bapt. 28 Feb. 1748.

Simon Giffin's Will, dated 21 June 1768, was presented for probate 14 Sept. 1774 and duly proven. Probate was granted 15 Sept. to Jennet Giffin, widow and relict, sole executrix. The Will reads as follows:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Simon Giffin of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia - Distiller, being in good health of body, and sound mind and memory, blessed be God!

Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament—That is to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian and decent manner - As concerning my worldly Estate, both real and personal, I give, devise and dispose thereof in manner and form following, viz - After discharging all my just Debts and funeral expenses -

Imprimis - I give and bequeath unto my betrothed and loving wife, Jennett Giffin, the sole management of the whole of my Estate, both Real and personal, in this province or elsewhere, the interest of which I make over to her as long as she lives to her own proper use and behoof, as also as much of the principle of the whole of my Estate both Real and personal as she thinks proper, or may want during her natural life.

Item - That the remainder or what may be left at her decease, to be equally divided between my children namely - George Giffin, Simon Giffin, Elizabeth Giffin and John Giffin—and as by Accompt, I find I have given considerable sums to some of them, it is my Will that those sums wherewith they stand indebted in their respective accompts, to be deemed and considered as part of said equal division—notwithstanding all the Quibbles and Artifices of Lawyers.

Still constituting and appointing my aforesaid beloved Wife, Jennett Giffin, my sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Legacys by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Halifax in Nova Scotia, the twenty-first day of June, eighth year of His Majesty's reign and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight.

Signed, Sealed, published and

Declared in presence of us

John Fillis [Esq.]

James Robinson

Wm. Welsh

(Signed) Simon Giffin (L.S.)

[Certified as "a true copy" of the original Will of Simon Giffin, made by William Howe, Registrar of Her Majesty's Court for the Probate of Wills and for Granting Letters of Administration within and for the County of Halifax, N.S. The witness Wm. Welsh is believed to be the William Welch who married Anne Brown, daughter of Simon Giffin's second wife.]

3. SIMON² GIFFIN (*Simon*¹), baptized in Boston, Mass., 5 July 1741, by Rev. John Moorhead, pastor of the Church of the Presbyterian Strangers. He died in Wethersfield, Conn., 6 Nov. 1820, believed buried there.

He married first, in Hardwick, Mass., 24 March 1761, ABIGAIL HIGGINS, born in Eastham, Mass., 29 July 1737, died 24 Nov. 1798, daughter of Elisha and Hannah (Doane) Higgins. (*Ref. 1, 5, 86.*)

Simon and Abigail appear to have lived in Hardwick until 1766/7 when they were legally separated. She probably moved then to Bennington, Vt., following her parents who, circa 1750, had separated from their church in Hardwick and joined the group that formed another which became the First Congregational Church in Bennington, circa 1762. Mrs. Abigail Giffin remained single until 4 May 1775 when she married secondly, in Bennington, Elnathan Hubbell, wid-

ower, who died there 21 July 1788, age 71. She married, thirdly, 26 March 1792, widower James Henderson of White Creek, N.Y. (ref. 87).

He married secondly, Rev. Burrage Merriam officiating, at Stepney Parish (now Rocky Hill) Courthouse in Wethersfield, Conn., 12 Dec. 1771, LYDIA CRANE, born in Wethersfield, 23 May 1741, baptized there 13 June 1745, died 20 Dec. 1813, believed buried there, daughter of Sergeant John and Lydia (Curtis) Crane. (Ref. 1, 76.)

Simon Giffin served in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted 28 Feb. 1777, in a Connecticut regiment; was made Sergeant 29 March 1778; commenced duty as Sergeant Major 12 April 1778; and as Quartermaster Sergeant 18 May 1778. Afterward he held the position of Quartermaster of Samuel B. Webb's 3rd Connecticut Regiment as early as 23 May 1779 and as late as 6 June 1783. His name was placed on the pension roll 12 May 1818, less than 2½ years before his death. During his military service, he kept a diary, also the Quartermaster book in which he set down an account of rations drawn and issued by him. In 1882 these were in the possession of his great-grandson, John G.⁵ Belden of Wethersfield, Conn.

In Wethersfield, Simon Giffin was known as a manufacturer of spinning wheels, one of which was still in existence there in 1881. He was considered a good, average scholar and penman for his day. He used to be called upon to write the paper to be read in church called "Putting up Prayers." A letter written by him 3 Aug. 1785 is copied below. Penmanship in the original is remarkably clear; the phonetic spelling is typical of his era.

Although the probable gravesites of Simon and his second wife were unmarked on 23 Aug. 1881, his granddaughter, Mrs. Sally⁴ (Johnson) Pasco, said that she thought "he was buried near the Cranes," and later his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Mary⁵ (Belden) Bidwell pointed out the graves which she believed to be occupied by Simon and Lydia "as this plot was selected by the [Crane] family in an early day." See "Heuvelton to Halifax," 23 August 1881.

Children by first wife, born in Hardwick:

- 6 i. EDWARD³, b. 30 Dec. 1761/2.
- 7 ii. JAMES, b. 22 Feb. 1764.
- 8 iii. DAVID DOANE, b. 8 Sept. 1766.

Children by second wife, born in Wethersfield:

- iv. GEORGE, b. 19 May 1772; d.s.p.
- 9 v. ANN, b. 19 Nov. 1774; m. WILFRED JOHNSON.
- vi. JOHN, b. 6 Feb. 1777; d.s.p.

The following letter was written by Simon² Giffin to his son Edward —

Wethersfield 3rd Augst 1785

Dear Son

I received yours of the 25th July which I was Glad to see & to hear from you & to hear of your well fare which gives me much Concern. Tho you are at a great Distance from me you are not out of my Mind. You sent me word that you have sent me Several Letters but I have never seen but Two of them, won of which your Mother Gave me when I came hom from Halifax and I had not Time to answer. But it was not for want of Goodwill, for your well Fare & happiness is the wish and Desier of him who is your Effectenot Father. I understand that you want To Come Down to see me but durst not. You may depend that you shall be Received with Great Satisfaction.

I understand that you have a famely which I am sory to Hear for when they marry yong they have Not so Good opertunity to Get beforehand to Soport a famely. But, as you are mared, I hope that God has Blessed you with a Good Wife which is a Great Blessing, & will Bless and Prosper you in all your Lawfull Undertackens & as you begun the world Set upon an honest prencipell. Keep a Just Book; be not Extreavagant in your Charges but Deal honestly with all men. Be Care full of falcifying your word. When you Promes anything, by all means, Not to promes more work than you can do for it hurts you and them that you Promes, as it is two Much the Practice of all Tradsmen to Disopint. I Desier you wold be Carefull for I find it to be Easey to keep my promis when I promes work So as Not to make them I work for Come Twice for their Work, and So will you if you Tack Payins & Care.

And as you have Children, I hope you and your wife will be Carefull to Set a Good Exampell before them. Be Care full of what you Say or Do before them, for it is Common for Children to tack Pattren from thear Parents, and as they Do they think it Right. Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it holy, and teach your Children to keep from play on the Lord's Day. Do not follow the fasion of them parts but Remember that God is an all Seeing God and is much Despleased with such Pernisious Practices as are followed in them Parts. Viseting, Drinking & Gaming breack the Sabbath and bring heavy judgments on the Land, and is as Crying a sin as any this Land Grones under. For God's sake and your Sole's sake keep yourself from Such Sins & have a watch over your Self to Guard against those Sins which most Easely beset you. Be Carefull of Drinking to much which is two much Practiced nowadays Both by Young and old. It is a Sin that Steels in By Degrees. Drink for your health, but not for Drunkenness. Be not over Talkative for thear is much

folly in it. Be not over wise in your own Concete, but think that thear is Others as wise as you. Give not way to Pasion for it hurts Both Sole and body. Quarrel Not with your Nabours. Be Care full of Backbiting and Tatelling which makes Quarrells. Be not Discontent with the Alotments of Provadence but be Contented & make the best of all things that God may Bless you. Be Kind to your wife. Love & Respect hir. Govern hir with mekeness and Mildness which will make her Obey you. Be Carefull of Entern into Disputs. They are Pernisious Practices in a famely, for whear wonce begun they Seldom have any end and whear is Contencion in a famely thear Cannot anything —.

Lett Not the Devell set such a thing to work in your Famely for whear aney such thing is it unfits for the Service of God or man. And as you have a Wife, tho I Never saw hir, out of Duty as a Parent to a child, I wish to advise hir to honour and obey you as hir husband & to Do all in hir Power to keep peace in the famely by yousing soft words when Pasion Rises, for, as the Old Saying, a soft ancer Turns away Rath. Go not abrod to make Mischeff that is two frequent amongst the women but Shun all such Promisious Practices by staying at home & taking Care of hir famely Like a wise woman. Be Care full of Tattelling; it has many bad attendences. Thearefore I hope you will Endeaver to avoid Everything that Atends to Discord.

Edward, Be not unsteady. If you Can Setell in a Good place for your trad Tarry thear, as the Old Saying a Rolling Stone Geathers No Mose, and I have often Observed it. But Keep Stidy & that is the way to Gane Credebt and Custom Both.

I have three Children hear, George, Ann, & John the youngest is eight years. I have heard from James Last week but he Never has been to See me yet. David I have not heard from this Sum time before, and am Glad he is Larning a trad. I Suld be Glad to See you & your wife heare if you Can Come Convenently this fall, Tho I may not be Abell to help you to anything But Good advice. I wish to See you, So no more, but I Remain your Loving Father.

Simon Giffin

[At the time this letter was written, Simon² Giffin was 44 years old; his son, Edward³, was 23/4 years old. Edward had been married in 1780 and was probably living in Clarendon, Vt., with his wife and their first three children.]

4. ELIZABETH² (GIFFIN) MORRISON (*Simon¹ Giffin*), baptized by Rev. John Moorhead, Church of the Presbyterian Strangers, Boston, Mass., 13 April 1746, died at their farm home in Enfield, Conn., "of languishment" at age 78, 30/1 Oct. 1824.

She (Elisabeth in the town record) married in Bridgewater, Mass., 27 Oct. 1766, JOHN MORRISON, who also died at their farm home, 18 Oct. 1801, age 58. He was a carpenter and had built that house at

the four-corners when they first took up their farm. In 1881 a newer home had replaced the old residence, and Henry A.⁴ Abbe then lived at the same four-corners. He then owned part of the farm and Irwin Allen the remainder. John Morrison answered the Lexington Alarm of April 1775 and served four days (*ref. 51*).

Elizabeth Giffin Morrison was remembered by three of her grandchildren with whom Dan S.⁵ Giffin talked during his visit to Connecticut in Aug. 1881, and each related incidents about her early life which she had told them. Elizabeth⁴ Morrison Abbe took care of her grandmother during her last illness. She said that Elizabeth², a child about six years old when her mother died, went to her grandmother Lechman who brought her up in Boston where she learned the tailoring trade and remained until her marriage to John Morrison. The grandson, William T.⁴ Morrison, recalled that Elizabeth² used to tell about her brother George who promised to bring her something when he left for sea, but she never saw him again. John⁴ Morrison of Hartford, Conn., remembered hearing his grandmother talk about Halifax, N.S., and the estate there.

Children, born in the Enfield farm home, surname MORRISON (*ref. 1, 7*):

- i. JOHN³, b. 24 July 1767; d. at the farm home in Enfield, 29 May 1795; bur. in Enfield; m. 9 March 1788, MISS ANNA TERRY. On 14 Jan. 1799 Letters of Administration were granted to her and to Robert³ Morrison, brother of John, and guardianship established for the children, ae about 10 and 8, respectively. (*Ref. 7*)
Children: 1. *Aurelia*⁴, b. 16 Sept. 1788. 2. *John Giffin*, b. ca. 1791.
- ii. SIMON GIFFIN, b. 31 Oct. 1768; d.s.p. at the farm home in Enfield, 17 Nov. 1793.
- 10 iii. ELIZABETH, b. 10 June 1771/2; m. DANIEL ABBE.
- 11 iv. ROBERT, b. 26 Nov. 1773.
- v. SARAH (SALLY), b. 20 Dec. 1775; d.s.p. in Enfield, 6 June 1799; m. 29 Nov. 1798 GEORGE FORD of Colchester, Conn.
- vi. JENNETT (GENNETT), b. 30 April 1778; d.s.p.; m. 27 Feb. 1800 HENRY WOLCOTT of E. Windsor, Conn.
- vii. ANNIE, b. 1781; d. at the farm home in Enfield, 5 May 1801; m. 20 Jan. 1799 WILLIAM NORTON of Sangersfield, N.Y.
- 12 viii. MARY (called POLLY), b. 1786; m. GORDON SMITH.
- 13 ix. MARGARET, m. WILLIAM REYNOLDS.
- x. AMELIA, m. CHARLES KIBBIE; believed to have had two children.

because it appears to be correct, and it serves to identify him from other David Giffins in the two subsequent generations.

Children:

- 35 i. HARRIET⁴, b. 30 March 1794; m. JAMES SAMUEL(?) STEWART.
- 36 ii. DAVID, b. 5 Feb. 1796.
- 37 iii. GEORGE, b. 2 Feb. 1798.
- 38 iv. ALMEDA, b. 4 March 1800; m. JOHN FOOTE DAVIES.
- 39 v. HENRY, b. 22 Nov. 1802.
- 40 vi. NATHAN FORD, b. 6 Dec. 1805.
- 41 vii. WILLIAM CANFIELD, b. 27 Feb. 1809.
- 42 viii. JERUSHA THOMPSON, b. 6 Aug. 1813; m. JAMES JOHNSON MASON.

9. ANN³ (GIFFIN) JOHNSON (*Simon² Giffin, Simon¹*), born in Wethersfield, Conn., 19 Nov. 1774, died there 22 March 1851. Her gravestone there reads Anna.

She married in Wethersfield, 11 April 1796, WILFRED JOHNSON, born Nov. 1771, died in Wethersfield, 17 Aug. 1813. (*Ref. 1, 84.*)

Children, probably born in Wethersfield, surname JOHNSON:

- i. LYDIA⁴, b. 31 Aug. 1796; d.s.p.; m. 5 July 1821, Rev. William Bentley officiating, GIDEON GOFF.
- ii. JOHN, b. 10 Feb. 1798; d.s.p. in Wethersfield, 3 Aug. 1818.
- iii. JAMES, b. 25 Nov. 1799; d.s.p. 16 Aug. 1817.
- 43 iv. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Oct. 1801; m. LATHROP BELDEN.
- v. MARY, b. 31 Oct. 1803; d. in Wethersfield 12 Sept. 1831; bur. there; m. 9 Aug. 1821 ELISHA BELDEN, believed unrelated to Lathrop Belden. Elisha m. (2) —, and they were both bur. near his first wife.
Children of Mary⁴, surname Belden: 1. Sarah⁵. 2. Lucy. 3. James. 4. Mary, m. — Bidwell (possibly Benton Bidwell, and they had sons, William Henry, Benjamin, Charles; *ref. 24*). 5. Franklin, b. 1831, bur. in Wethersfield, 20 Nov. 1833, ae 2.
- vi. HARVEY, b. 27 Sept. 1805; d. before 1881; m. in Wethersfield, 2 Oct. 1833, CAROLINE WEBBER. After his death, the widow lived in Hartford, Conn. He was a guard at the Wethersfield prison ca 1840/2 when Almeda⁴ (Giffin) Davies visited there.
- 44 vii. NANCY, b. 22 Oct. 1807; m. SIMEON HALE.
- 45 viii. SALLY, b. 23 Jan. 1810; m. OTIS PASCO.
- ix. SAMUEL, b. 29 June 1812; d. in Wethersfield, 2 Sept. 1812.
- x. WILLIAM, b. 8 Oct. 1813; d.s.p.

10. ELIZABETH³ (MORRISON) ABBE (*Elizabeth² [Giffin] Morrison, Simon¹ Giffin*), born in Enfield, Conn., 10 June 1771, died there 25 April 1842. (*Ref. 1, 7, 9.*)

She married in Enfield, 9/19 March 1794/5, DANIEL ABBE, JR., born in Enfield, 22 Aug. 1775, died there 25 Aug. 1833, s.o. Daniel and Sarah (Pease) Abbe. He was a farmer and innkeeper, and for many years Sheriff of Hartford County.

Children, born in Enfield and resided there, surname ABBE:

- i. ROBERT MORRISON⁴, b. 30 Nov. 1795; d. 30 Jan. 1797.
- 46 ii. ROBERT MORRISON, b. 15 July 1797.
- 47 iii. HENRY AUGUSTUS, b. 24 March 1799.
- iv. STODDARD NELSON, b. 12 Feb. 1801; d. unm. 14 May 1869. Appointed Clerk of Probate Court, E. Windsor, 13 Feb. 1826 (*ref. 7*).
- v. ELIZABETH ALLEN, b. 17 Jan. 1804; d.s.p. 25 April 1828; rel. Congregational; m. in Enfield, 2 Oct. 1824, HIRAM S. BELCHER. He m. (2) JENNETTE⁴ MORRISON (*Robert³, Elizabeth², Simon¹*).
Child, surname Belcher: 1. Betsey A.⁵, d. 18 Jan. 1829, ae 10 mos.
- 48 vi. SARAH ANN (SALLY), b. 12 April (Nov.) 1806; m. JOSEPH PRIDE CONVERSE, M.D.
- 49 vii. DANIEL PEASE, b. 22 Aug. 1809.

* 11. ROBERT³ MORRISON (*Elizabeth² [Giffin] Morrison, Simon¹ Giffin*), born in the family farmhouse, Enfield, Conn., 26 Nov. 1773, died 18 Nov. 1818. 1845

He married ——. Resided probably in Enfield. (*Ref. 1.*)

Children:

- i. ~~Sally~~ SALLY⁴, b. 15 Aug. 1802; m. WALTER COLLINS.
Children, surname Collins: 1. Charles⁵, b. 12 Oct. 1822; m. Hancy Spencer; res. Willimantic, Conn. 2. Amelia, b. 14 Jan. 1827; m. Giles Dart.
- 50 ii. WILLIAM T., b. 26 Feb. 1804. *William Thompson*
- iii. JOHN, b. in the "Southeastern part of Enfield, Conn.," 24 Feb. 1806; d. in Enfield, 18 Oct. 1895; m. "early in life" Miss ABBIE WATSON, d. "of consumption" 1855. Res. Hartford, where he was said to enjoy some local prominence.
Children, all died before 1881: 1. John⁵. 2. Robert. 3. James. 4. Charles. 5. Helen. 6. William. 7. Watson.
- 49 iv. ELIZABETH, b. 4 Feb. 1808; m. DANIEL PEASE ABBE (*ref. 1, 9*).
- 51 v. JENNETTE, b. 10 March 1810; m. HIRAM S. BELCHER.

* Robert C. Morrison 1830 Census

- vi. MARY ANN, b. 11 Feb. 1812; m. (1) in Enfield, 14 April 1831, ~~EBENEZER J.~~ ^{James Hall} SCRIMGEOUR; m. (2) before 1881, REV. JOHN HOWSON, d. 1888. The Rev. Howson was an Englishman, and former Methodist preacher. Res. Thompsonville, Conn.
Children, by first husband, surname *Scrimgeour*: 1. *Helen J.*⁵, b. 28 Sept. 1831; m. John H. Horton (Holton?). 2. *James*, b. 13 July 1833. 3. *David A.*, b. 2 Oct. 1835. 4. *Ella J.*, b. 22 Sept. 1844; m. Charles Godly.
- vii. EMILY, b. 26 April 1814; d. 23 Feb. 1850, bur. Enfield St. Cem.; m. in Enfield, 25 Sept. 1834, JOHN BURBANK, JR. (*Ref.* 1, 7.) Res. probably Enfield.
Children, surname *Burbank*: 1. *Charles*⁵, b. 1835. 2. *Frederick*, b. 1842; d. 23 June 1849. 3. *Emma*, b. 14 Sept. 1846; m. James P. Gray.
- viii. ROBERT B., b. 19 Feb. 1817; d. after 1881, probably ae 72; m. (1) in Enfield, 29 Dec. 1842, MISS CLARISSA KING of Enfield, bapt. 10 May 1817 at Enfield, d. there 4 June 1844 (Enfield Cem. grave ins., June 5), d.o. Major Jabez and Rebecca King; m. (2) in Enfield, 16 Dec. 1847, JULIA ANN REYNOLDS (RAYNOLDS) of Enfield, b. in Conn., 1825. She said to be ae 22, he ae 30, at mar. He was a merchant, said to be res. in Thompsonville, Conn., in 1847.
Child by first wife: 1. *Robert King*⁵, b. 13 May 1844.
Children by second wife: 2. *Ella Reynolds*, b. in Enfield, 19 Oct. 1848 (*ref.* 1, 7). 3. *Charles Howell*, b. 18 Aug. 1850. 4. *Frank Belcher*, b. 15 July 1853. 5. *George Wells*, b. 22 June 1859; d. 17 July 1888. 6. *James Reynolds*, b. 28 Aug. 1861. 7. *Ann Elizabeth*, b. 3 July 1864. 8. *Mary Louise*, b. 11 Nov. 1872.

12. MARY³ (MORRISON) SMITH (*Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born in the family farmhouse, Enfield, Conn., 1786, and called POLLY, died in Vernon, Conn., age 35, 17 Dec. 1820.

She married in Enfield, 14 Nov. 1805, GORDON SMITH, born in Suffield, Conn., 18 Feb. 1785, son of Comfort and Lucy Smith. (*Ref.* 1, 7.)

Children, surname SMITH:

- i. ORVILLE⁴, b. 25 Sept. 1806; m. ———.
Children, order not known: 1. *Robert S.*⁵ 2. *Mary A.* 3. *Helen A.*, m. Daniel Esterly. 4. *Emeline E.*, m. (1) Alex McCam; m. (2) ——— Van Cleft and believed to have had a child by 2nd husband. 5. *Edwin A.* 6. *William W.* 7. *Orville G.* 8. *Freddie.*
- 52 ii. EMELINE, b. 2 Feb. 1808; m. JOHN M. KING.
- 53 iii. CAROLINE, b. 22 Feb. 1810; m. BENJAMIN PINNEY.

- iv. AMELIA, b. 12 Dec. 1813; m. JOHN P. DORMAN.
Children, order not known, surname *Dorman*: 1. *Dolan*⁵, d.s.p. 2. *Don*, d.s.p. 3. *Rienzi*. 4. *Emma*, m. Timothy Nash.
- 54 v. MARY, b. 13 Feb. 1816; m. ROGER W. HOLTON.

13. MARGARET³ (MORRISON) REYNOLDS (*Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born in the family farmhouse, Enfield, Conn., died in Mendon, Monroe Co., N.Y.

She married in Enfield, 15 Oct. 1804, WILLIAM REYNOLDS. (*Ref.* 1.)

Children, order not known, surname REYNOLDS:

- 55 i. CLARISSA⁴, b. 6 June 1808; m. BENAJAH CADY.
ii. JOHN, m. ———.
Children: 1. *Robert*⁵. 2. *Frank*.
- iii. WILLIAM, m. ———.
Children: 1. *Fannie*⁵, m. Abraham (Abram) Williams. 2. *Julia*, d. 1851; m. David Kirby.
- iv. ROBERT.
- v. ELIZABETH, m. A. S. BARNARD.

14. CALVIN³ GIFFIN (*John*², *Simon*¹), born in Hardwick, Mass., 11 March 1770, died in Sheldon, Vt., 25 Jan. 1854, buried there in Rice Hill Cemetery (*ref.* 13).

He married in Hardwick (intention 20 Oct. 1793) SUBMIT PIERCE, born 1774, probably in Hardwick. She died 4 Nov. 1853, age 79 years, 10 months, and is buried in the same cemetery. (*Ref.* 10, 13.)

He is said to have been a very good man; a farmer; deaf. (*Ref.* 1.)

Children, order not known:

- 56 i. NATHAN⁴, b. in Hardwick, 10 April 1797.
- 57 ii. PHILINDA, b. ca 1799; m. JOHN DUNTON.
- iii. SUBMIT, n.i.
- iv. JENNIE, n.i.
- v. POLLY, m. ANTHONY QUACKENBOS, a wheelwright.
Children, surname *Quackenbos*: 1. *Garry*⁵. 2. *Norman*. 3. *Ansel*. 4. *Isaac*. 5. *Isaac*. 6. *Elizabeth*. 7. *Jane*.
- vi. HOSEA, m. Miss ——— Foot. Two children, *Harry* and another, name not known.
- vii. HARMON, b. 1807; m. AZABAH ———, b. 1810 (*ref.* 13); they lived in Sheldon in 1850 where he was a farmer. Living in Mendota, Dakota Co., Minn., 1881 (*ref.* 1). One child, *Jane*⁵, b. ca 1838; possibly others.

Ardilla (Herrick) Jones. Res. Pittsfield, Mass. Had a son. 4. *Mary Estella*, b. ca 1871; d. 24 March 1878, ae 7. 5. *Harry*, b. ca 1873; d. 30 March 1878, ae 5.

- v. ELIZABETH RICH, b. 13/8 Nov. 1830; d. 24 May 1906; m. 14 Dec. 1852 WILLIAM PHELPS WARNER, b. in Hadley, Mass., 6 March 1818; d. there 6 July 1872; s.o. Oliver and Jemima (Severance) Warner.

Children, surname *Warner*: 1. *Edward Allen*⁶, b. 14 Dec. 1853; d. unm. 14 Oct. 1906. 2. *Helen Abbe*, b. 31 Aug. 1858; d. in Ardmore, Pa., 12 Dec. 1912; m. Elisha Dickinson of Hadley, Mass. 3. *Isabel Huntington*, b. 1 March 1867; m. (1) Dana Bartholomew of Ansonia, Conn., b. in Wolcottville (later Torrington), Conn., 8 April 1847; d. in Saratoga, N.Y., 1 Sept. 1900. They had 2 dau. b. in Ansonia. She m. (2) Peter Boyd of Philadelphia, Pa., d. there 11 Dec. 1911.

48. SARAH ANN⁴ (ABBE) CONVERSE (*Elizabeth*³ [*Morrison*] *Abbe*, *Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born in Enfield, Conn., 12 April (Nov.) 1806, died there 5 May 1839 (1838 per Enfield Cemetery). Religion: Congregational.

She married in Enfield, 17 March (May) 1827, JOSEPH PRIDE CONVERSE, M.D., born in Stafford, Conn., 2 Nov. 1800, died 11 Aug. 1888; son of Eli and Eunice (Hyde) Converse. He practiced medicine in Enfield. He married secondly Mary Cornish of Granby, Conn., by whom he had a daughter Sarah Ann.

Children, baptized at Enfield 22 May 1842, surname CONVERSE (*ref. 1, 9*):

- i. MARY ELIZABETH⁵, b. 25 Oct. 1828; d.s.p. 21 April 1863; m. 4 Sept. 1856 CHARLES HOWE.
 ii. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS, b. 10 Dec. 1830; d. unm. 14 Nov. 1846.
 iii. HENRY HYDE, b. 19 Feb. 1833; d. 20 May 1899; m. in Stafford, 29 May 1856, JANE DANIELS.
 125 iv. HORATIO ABBE, b. 5 May 1835.

49. ELIZABETH⁴ (MORRISON) ABBE (*Robert*³ *Morrison*, *Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born in Enfield, Conn., 4 Feb 1808, died there. Residence, Enfield, living there in 1887.

She married in Enfield, 19 Jan. 1830, DANIEL PEASE ABBE, born there 22 Aug. 1809, died there 18 July 1840, son of Daniel and Elizabeth³ (Morrison) Abbe. He was her first cousin. They are believed to have belonged to the Congregational Church.

Children, born in Enfield, surname ABBE (*ref. 1, 9*):

- i. ROBERT MORRISON⁵, b. 21 April 1833; d.s.p.; m. MARY ELLEN ROBERTS.
 ii. FREDERICK EUGENE, b. 9 July 1838; he was living in Noroton, Conn., 1916; m. ELIZABETH ——. Children: 1. *Frederick*⁶, m. Elizabeth ——; believed to have had two children. 2. *Elizabeth Morrison*, M.D., res. Boston, Mass.

50. WILLIAM T.⁴ MORRISON (*Robert*³, *Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born 26 Feb. 1804, died in 1887. He married TAMAR ——, and resided in Enfield, Conn. (*Ref. 1, 7*)

Children, probably born in Enfield:

- i. ELIZABETH T.⁵, b. April 1832; d. in Enfield, 22 Aug. 1834.
 ii. ELIZABETH T., b. ca 1834-40; d. after 1881; m. JAMES W. REYNOLDS; res. Enfield. Children, surname *Reynolds*, order not known: 1. *William Morrison*⁶. 2. *Samuel*.
 iii. WILLIAM T., b. April 1841/2; d. in Enfield, 28/30 Nov. 1842. (*Ref. 1, 7*)
 iv. MARY A., b. 1845; d. unm. in Enfield, 18 May 1872.
 v. EMILY.

51. JENNETTE⁴ (MORRISON) BELCHER (*Robert*³ *Morrison*, *Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born 10 March 1810.

She married in Enfield, Conn., 19 Jan. 1830, HIRAM S. BELCHER and they resided there. He died prior to Aug. 1881 as she was then a widow (*ref. 1*). His first wife was Elizabeth Allen⁴ Abbe who died 25 April 1828, daughter of Elizabeth³ (Morrison) Abbe.

Child, surname BELCHER:

- i. JANE ELIZABETH⁵, b. probably in Enfield, 29 May 1832; bapt. 3 July in the Enfield Catholic Apostolic Church (*ref. 7*); m. ASHER M. KNIGHT who d. prior to Aug. 1881 as she was then a widow (*ref. 1*). Child, surname *Knight*: 1. *Jennie B.*⁶, d. in Enfield 14 June 1886.

52. EMELINE⁴ (SMITH) KING (*Mary*³ [*Morrison*] *Smith*, *Elizabeth*² [*Giffin*] *Morrison*, *Simon*¹ *Giffin*), born 2 Feb. 1808.

She married JOHN M. KING.