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JONATHAN GILBERT c 1618 - 1682

Ordinary keeper, Cold Spring, Conn.

Jonathan Gilbert, eldest son of Thomas and Lydia Gilbert, was born in England about 1618; died at Hartford, Conn., 19 December 1682. He married first at Hartford, 29 January 1645/6 Mary White, baptized at Messing, Essex County, England 16 July 1616; died at Hartford about December 1649. He married second, about 1650, Mary Wells, born about 1626, daughter of Hugh Welles, one of the founders of Hartford. She died 3 July 1700 in her 74th year.

Jonathan Gilbert owned various parcels of land, woodland and meadow in different parts of Hartford. He is no longer called Goodman Gilbert after his marriage to Mary Wells, but is called Jonathan Gilbert, Mr. Jonathan Gilber and Mr. Gilbert in the records, a sure indication of advancing official and social status. On April 9, 1646, the General Court passed an order making Jonathan Gilbert Marshall of Hartford. He served in the trainband and on February 20, 1650/1 he was chosen clerk of this militia company in Hartford. He traveled much between that town and neighboring towns and continued to acquire lands. Two records show that he must have been on good terms with the Indians and able to speak their language May 13, 1662. "This Court grants libert to the Marshall, Jonathan Gilbert, to keep an ordinary at his house at Cold Spring for relieving of Travelers according to their needs." Here he kept a tavern until his death. His widow, Mary Gilbert, succeeded him and later his son Samuel.

-by Aileen Beryl Notmeyer Ross  
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