



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Gifford Court**
Name of Veteran: Lewis Henry Gifford 1900-
Rank:
Ship Served: HMS Ajax
Date of Service on Ship: 1939
Year of Visit/Dedication: June 2005
Veteran or Family Visit: Norman Gifford, son
Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: Yes Died at Battle: No

Lewis Henry Gifford joined the Royal Navy as a boy shortly after World War One and served mainly on battleships. He joined HMS Ajax in 1938 and took part in the Battle of the River Plate. He continued to serve until the end of World War Two.

On a one occasion while on the Ajax Lewis caused the ship to be stopped while the surgeon removed his appendix.

The Court was originally spelled 'Glifford' but was successfully changed and became effective on May 1, 2006.

