

SAMUEL DUDLEY, ESQ.,

AS HE IS DESCRIBED AND REPORTED BY VARIOUS ORIGINAL RECORDS AND
OTHER AUTHORITIES.

Samuel Dudley (his autograph.)

First, the Town Records of Sutton, Mass., say :—

“ March 25, 1728, Mr. Samuel Duddly chosen Moderator of Town meeting.”

“ Jan. 29, 1730–31, Lut. Samuel Duddly was chosen a representative by a mager vote, to send to our grate and general court and Asembly Cept and Hild at Boston Feb. y^e 11, 1730.”

May 15, Lieut. Dudley was chosen to represent the town at a Session of the General Court and Assembly to be convened at Cambridge August 27th. He was the first representative chosen from the town.

May 15, 1731, Lieut. Samuel Dudley was chosen representative.

“ By the report of the Committee he was chosen to seat y^e meeting house.”

Samuel Dudley, Esq., has the first place in the front seat. There were eight men in that seat, and it was arranged that all the women who had husbands should be seated equal with their husbands.

March 6, 1731–2, Francis Dudley, David Dudley, Jonathan Dudley and eight others petitioned the town of Sutton for permission to erect and build a new pew in the meeting house in the front gallery for their accommodation, and their request was granted.

Then May 19, it was voted that “ Esq. Dudley and Lieut. Joseph Sibley and Ensign Robert Goddard and Lieut. John Stockwell and Mr. Solomon Holman be a Committee for Service about seating the School Housen.”

And in 1737, May 23, the town voted him chairman of a committee to decide about preaching in Sutton.

The name of Samuel Dudley now disappears from the Town Records of Sutton. But in 1745 his son “ Mr. Francis Dudley is on a committee to seat the meeting house.”