

FLEMINGSBURG, KY., DUDLEYS.

WILLIAM¹ DUDLEY, senior, was born Feb. 10, 1756, and married Elizabeth Hite Taylor, March 18, 1778, in Hampshire County, Va. She was born Aug. 7, 1762, in the same county. He died at Flemingsburg, Ky., June 22, 1819. She died there in Sept. 1833.

William¹ Dudley's youngest son, Mr. Taylor² Dudley of Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Ky., in his 84th year, wrote me, March 9th, 1889, as follows :

"You will doubtless be surprised to receive this letter from me at so late a day ; but the very long delay has been caused by my defective eyesight. I was not able to read the plainest print when I received your circular two years ago, and it is quite difficult for me to do so now.

"As to my father's history, my knowledge is quite limited. But I have the impression that my father came to this country from England when young, and resided with Simon Taylor, a relative of his, who resided in Virginia at, or near, a place called Oldtown on the south branch of the Potomac, and eventually married Simon Taylor's daughter, Elizabeth H. Taylor, and, after a few years, about 1792 or 3, removed to Kentucky, purchased a farm about one mile from this place (Flemingsburg), on which he died. I have no recollection of ever hearing that my grandfather Dudley or any of his family lived in America. And I suppose my father to have been born in England."

Mr. S. S.⁴ Dudley, grandson of James, writes me that his great-grandfather, Wm.¹ Dudley, started from Hampshire County, Va., for Kentucky in 1791, and stopped one year at Uniontown, Pa. After that he went to Flemingsburg in 1792 when it was a wilderness, and built the sixth cabin in Fleming County outside the three forts. There were wild deer roaming right where the city of Flemingsburg now stands. Wm.¹ Dudley, sen., and his wife Elizabeth had seven sons and four daughters.

Mr. Taylor² Dudley, youngest son of Wm.¹ Dudley, wrote me, May, 1889, as follows :

"After my father's marriage in 1778, he remained somewhere in Virginia until his family had increased, I think, to five children,