

THE CONCORD, MASS., DUDLEYS.

I have examined the Wills, Inventories, Letters of Administration, &c., at the Middlesex Probate Office in East Cambridge, and find that Joseph Dudley of Concord, son of Francis, died intestate in his father's life time, leaving Abigail, his widow, Nov. 1702.

John Wheeler was appointed Guardian to his minor children viz.: Jane, under 14; Sarah, in her 12th year; Joseph, in his 11th year; Benjamin, in his 9th year; Mary, in her 7th year, and Sibyl in her 6th year; at the date of Jan. 29th, 1707-8.

Mr. Wheeler had previously, in 1706, been appointed Administrator, and Guardian to Abigail, the eldest daughter, who was then over 13 years of age. In 1718 the widow Abigail was dead, and her eldest son had his house and lot at Concord and his land at Sudbury, all valued at £72, and there were debts due the estate. Then John Davis was husband of Abigail, and Samuel Wood was husband of Jane. There were 7 children, that is, 2 sons and 5 daughters.

John Davis of Acton, yeoman, made his will in 1762. His wife was Abigail. His three sons, John, Ezekiel and Micah, are his Executors. He mentions his daughter, Sarah Robbins, his son, Samuel, and another daughter, Abigail Meloon. Mr. Davis, the testator, was very rich in lands.

Joseph Dudley of Concord, blacksmith, made his Will in 1745, his wife being Mary. His children's names were Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, Lucy, Rebecca, James, John, Huldah, Abigail and Benjamin. His Inventory is dated Nov. 3, 1746, and the value of the estate £396.

In 1752, James and John, over 14, sons of Joseph Dudley, late of Concord, deceased, are committed to Jonathan Puffer, yeoman.

In 1753, the widow, being then Mrs. Mary Clark, Executrix of Joseph Dudley, late of Concord, presents her account against the estate: Rebecca in her 21st year, and Abigail and Benjamin being then under age, were committed to Judah Clark of Lexington. In 1757, the last two were committed to Joseph Abbott of Lincoln, husbandman.

Joseph Dudley, late of Concord, blacksmith, being deceased intestate, 17 Aug. 1773, Samuel Dudley, Jr., of Concord, blacksmith, gives bond (with David Brown, yeoman, and Joseph Dudley, husbandman, both of said town), and is appointed administrator.

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