

LETTER FROM JOS. L. CHESTER, ESQ.

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DEAR SIR :

I have read with much interest your article in the current number of the Herald and Genealogist. On page 254 you mention the will of John Dudley of Little Brington, Northamptonshire. I spent a week with the clergyman of that place, recently, and took copious extracts from the Register, among which I find the following :

Married.

1595-6 Jan. 22, John Dudley and Mathew Gamage.

1598 Nov. 27, James Lyne* and Mathew Dudley.

1629 May 12, Thos. Bartlet and Mathew Lyne.

The woman I take to be the same in each entry, and was doubtless the daughter of Thos. and Agnes Gamage, the latter of whom was buried at Brington, 20 April, 1573. On the 2nd of October, 1595, was buried, Benet, the wife of John Dudley, and on the 5th of September, 1598, John Dudley himself. He clearly, therefore, had two wives, but I do not find the baptisms or burials of any children. The Gamage were people apparently in humble life; and there is nothing to indicate anything superior in Dudley.

I do not suppose this is of much importance to you, but thinking you might perhaps like to have the entries, I send them, and remain,

Very truly yours,

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* Ursula Dudley married "Humphrey Lynne" of Southwick, Co. Northampton, about 1570. She was sister to Edward, lord of Clopton. The Lynne family was the same as Humphrey Lynne's, therefore this John Dudley was probably of the Clopton branch.—D. D.