

Pro. N. Hampshire, 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>hr</sup> 1728.

John Kimball, Abigail Lyford & Nicholas Gilman, personally appearing before y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>; Rich<sup>d</sup>. Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probate &c. & made oath that they were present & saw Byley Dudley dec<sup>d</sup> sign and seal y<sup>e</sup> aforegoing will declaring y<sup>e</sup> same to be his last will & testament, & that he was of a sound, disposing mind at ye doing thereof to y<sup>e</sup> best of their understanding.

BENJ<sup>a</sup> GAMBLING, Reg<sup>r</sup>.

### SKETCH OF STEPHEN DUDLEY,<sup>3</sup>

SON OF REV. SAMUEL DUDLEY,<sup>2</sup> SON OF GOVERNOR THOMAS.<sup>1</sup>

(See his autograph, page 298, No. 19.)

HE was one of the ten sons, probably the seventh or eighth, his mother being Elizabeth, the third and last wife. He married December 24, 1684, Sarah Gilman, daughter of Hon. Capt. John Gilman of Exeter. She was born February 25, 1667, and died January 24, 1713. He married 2ndly, Mary Thyng, and 3rdly, Mercy Gilman, who survived him.

In his deeds, and other papers, he was sometimes styled "gent," and, at other times, "yeoman," "planter," &c. He was, perhaps, named for his mother's father. His children were probably all by the first wife.

Jan. 1711, Stephen Dudley, senior, gave his son James Dudley one twelfth part of the six hundred acres granted by the town to his "honored father, Mr. Samuel Dudley." Stephen is then called "planter," and James, "cooper." It was the sixth lot from the Great Hill, on the South side of Exeter River.

I have a leaf of rough, yellowish paper, apparently taken from some old blank book with memoranda written on it, of the deaths of two of Stephen Dudley's sons, viz., John and Joseph. They were written by their brother Nicholas Dudley. It is poor, but plain writing, as follows:

"John Dudley deceased this life June y<sup>e</sup> 23, 1710, in the 18 year of his age at one o'clock in the afternoon."

John was the one slaughtered by the Indians in Epping woods with Col. Winthrop and Dudley Hilton, on that day, as I have stated in another place.

"Joseph Dudley, deceased this life September y<sup>e</sup> 8, 1727, in the 25 year of his age at nine a clock on Friday."