

Mrs. Sally, or Sarah, Tucker of Raymond, N. H., granddaughter of the judge, says, "I think grandfather Dudley never had his likeness taken or painted. He was tall, rather spare, and had blue eyes and light complexion. My grandmother Dudley had defective sight, and was blind at last. She used to walk up and down the long hall for exercise. She had been near-sighted in her earlier life. She was of medium height, and wore a 'strapped cap.'

"My grandfather was a sociable man, and much interested in his family, whom he would inquire about of the neighbors along the road as he was returning home from his long absence at courts or conventions. The judge was highly esteemed by the people of all sects and parties, and he took pains to deserve their good-will. His son, Nathaniel, often mentioned his father's religious character, saying he had heard Rev. John Murray, the Universalist, preach at Portsmouth, N. H., and that he espoused his doctrine late in life and died in that faith, which he termed the 'Abrahamic faith.'"

Hon. Judge Dudley's wife was Elizabeth Gilman (daughter of Caleb Gilman); born August 7, 1727; married to him June 22, 1749, at Exeter, and died at Raymond, May 13, 1806, aged 79 years. Mr. Caleb Gilman was born 1678, and died March 22, 1766, aged 88 years, being a son of the first Moses Gilman. Col. Theophilus Lovering in 1848, then about 80 years old, told me that Judge John Dudley's wife had a sister Mary, who married for her second husband, Col. Antipas Gilman of Gilmanton, being his second wife. Mary's first husband was a Gilman. She had brothers Ezekiel and David.

I find by the deeds at Exeter Registry for Rockingham County, that Mr. Dudley purchased land of Caleb Gilman in Exeter. One deed, dated June 16, 1764, says, "I John Dudley of Exeter, yeoman, in consideration of 2000 pounds, old tenor, paid me by John Giddinge," convey to him all that 22 acres of land in Exeter which I purchased of my father-in-law, Mr. Caleb Gilman. Mr. Dudley's wife Elizabeth released her right of dower.

Another, dated Sept. 3, 1762, says, "I Caleb Gilman of Exeter, Gentleman," convey to John Giddinge of Exeter, gentleman, 27

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Walker of Concord, and John Dudley of Raymond and Poplin. They drew up the Declaration, and it was unanimously adopted, and a copy forwarded to the New Hampshire Delegates in Congress. This was probably the first Declaration of Independence in this country.—*Bouton's History of Concord, N. H.*