

JEREMIAH⁶ DUDLEY

(*Samuel*,⁵ *James*,⁴ *Stephen*,³ *Samuel*,² *Thomas*¹),

was born August 27, 1753, and married Miss Elizabeth Turner of New Milford, Maine, December 10, 1780.

He was a tall, broad-shouldered and large-framed man. His eyes were black and keen as an eagle's. He was a great reader and talker, and a close observer of passing events. But he did not write out his story of life and adventure. He lived eighty-five years, retaining his mental faculties to the last. He became a little round-shouldered in his old age, and suffered from rheumatism contracted by his terrible march through Maine to Quebec in 1775, with General Arnold's army.

He had served with Colonel Arnold at 22 years of age in the expedition to Ticonderoga and Crown Point. He was, October 6, 1775, a soldier from Kingston, N. H., in Captain William H. Ballard's Company and Colonel James Frye's Regiment, at Cambridge, Mass.

In the expedition to Quebec there were ten companies of musketmen from New England, three of Morgan's Virginia riflemen and one of artillery—1100 men in all. They ascended the Kennebec river by the eastern branch, and Dead river until opposite the sources of the Chaudiere, which flows north into the St. Lawrence. They started from Newburyport, Mass. Through the immense wilderness of Maine they waded rivers, climbed hills, carried every thing around falls, struggled against indescribable obstacles like herculean giants. Many fell and died by the way. Others deserted, but Jerry Dudley went bravely through it all. Headley's description of this campaign tells the dreadful story. They were often nearly starved to death, worn out or frozen in the mountains. Sometimes they were forced to crawl on their hands and knees in search of beech-nuts to sustain life. They even devoured their dogs, skins and all. When they arrived at the Plains of Abraham Colonel Arnold had only 700 men. (See Marshall's *Life of Washington*, Vol. 1, pp. 53, 67, and Colonel Heath's *Journal*.)

Near the close of the Revolution (1782-3), Mr. Dudley (who had served until that time), settled at Readfield, Maine, and then lived at Pittston from 1794 to 1799, and was at Bangor in 1800. He built the first saw-mill on the Kenduskeag river, and carried on lumbering until the war of 1812-13. He then sold out his