

being then part of Exeter, constituted the western boundary of that town so far as it was occupied. Freetown had been so called because timber there was taken with impunity, although claimed by the British Government. In March, 1718, Col. Dudley sold one-eighth part of his purchase to his brother James Dudley, father of Judge John, Samuel, Esq., and Joseph, senior—all of whom afterwards lived there. Some of their descendants still occupy that land.

About 1725, Col. Stephen Dudley had a saw-mill built a few rods above the present mill, that is, the mill of 1870. Col. Dudley lived there at Freetown mills part of the time, and at Exeter the rest of his life, where he died in 1734, aged 46. He was a shoemaker by trade, and some of his children learned trades, as the custom was then. Some branches of his descendants have always shown great energy and enterprise like their illustrious ancestor, and they furnished many soldiers and patriots in time of the Revolution, and in our glorious war for Union and the abolishment of Slavery. His children were as follows :

10. i. SAMUEL PAUL,² b. 1721, at Exeter; d. Jan. 9, 1789, at Andover, N. H.; m. Jane Hubbard, who d. at Andover. July 17, 1814, aged 89 years and 7 months. **20.** ii. DAVIDSON, b. at Exeter; d. about 1787, at Brentwood,* a blacksmith and farmer; m. Anna Ladd. **21.** iii. STEPHEN, b. Oct. 14, 1724, at Exeter; d. Aug. 22, 1811, at Gilmanton, N. H. iv. MARGARET, m. Francis Beckett, who came from Wales, G. B., and settled at Exeter. They had a son, Dudley of Exeter, who left children. v. SARAH. vi. JOANNA. vii. ABIGAIL.

11. JAMES⁴ DUDLEY (*Stephen,² Samuel,² Thomas¹*), was born June 11, 1690, at Exeter, N. H.; married Mercy Folsom, who was born about 1691, at Exeter, and they had eight children :

22. i. JAMES,⁵ b. 1715; m. Deborah Bean, and died May, 1761. She d. in 1810, at Andover, N. H. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 31, 1716; m. Dea. Aaron Young, of Kingston, N. H. **23.** iii. SAMUEL, b. 1720 at Exeter; m. 1st, Miss Ladd, 2nd, Mrs. Sleeper, and 3rd, Mrs. Clark, and d. Aug. 30, 1797, aged 77. **24.** iv. JOHN, b. Apr. 9, 1725, at E.; m. Elizabeth Gilman, dau. of Caleb G., who was born in 1678. **25.** v. JOSEPH, b. 1728; m. Susanna Lord, and d. 1792. vi. JOANNA, m. Capt. Daniel Ladd,† at Deerfield, N. H., of the Iron Works there. vii. MERCY, m. Mr. Emerson, of Maine. viii. SARAH was never m. but lived with Judge John Dudley at Raymond.

* Brentwood was detached from Exeter and incorporated as a parish in 1742.

† He was son of Daniel Ladd, who was born March 18, 1626, son of Nathaniel, who was born March 10, 1661, and his wife Elizabeth Gilman, daughter of Hon. John.