

many years Town Clerk, but his son William Dudley, first elected Town Clerk in 1761, held the office a very long time, and also that of District Clerk. He (Samuel, Esq.) was a Selectman from 1757 to about 1770, Constable in 1759, on a committee to take care of school money in 1764 to 1768, and often on other committees.

It is curious to find the town history of Sutton saying that Samuel Dudley, Esq., died at Douglas, and the town history of Douglas saying that he died at Sutton. The truth is that he died at Douglas.

My grandfather Nathaniel Dudley reported that he saw it recorded in the newspapers at the time, that Samuel Dudley, Esq., of Massachusetts, on the day he was 100 years old, took his ox team into the woods, cut a big load of wood and drove home without any undue effort.

Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts (Vol. II. p. 26) says, he died in 1775, aged 109 years. It also says, that Samuel, Esq., first settled at Littleton, Mass., and his first wife Abigail King died there; after which, about the year 1728, he removed to Sutton, "where he died having had twenty children; of whom Samuel, Frank, David, Abigail and Jonathan (the last three at one birth) were born at Concord, Mass."

I find that a part of this account of Hutchinson's is incorrect; and about his having the twenty children, there is doubt. That he did not die at Sutton, Mr. R. R. Dodge assures me, as well as other authorities. I found by the records at Douglas, in 1848, that Samuel Dudley, Esq., died there May 27, 1777.

According to the history of the town of Sutton, Mass., "Francis Dudley of Concord, Mass., was the ancestor of the Sutton Dudleys (supposed to have been a relative of Gov. Thomas Dudley), and was born in England, and immigrating to this country settled at Concord, Mass., about 1663."

Rogers Dudley, one of the eight sons of Samuel, Esq., settled on the old road leading from Sutton to Worcester by the way of Doroty Pond. His son David, called "Fat David," built the large house next to the present John Park place, near the said pond.

Fat David's son was Capt. David, who bought Capt. Josiah Hall's place for \$5,500 in gold. Capt. David was the father of the present David T. Dudley, lately a shuttle manufacturer.

Peter Dudley had a saw and grist mill near the house first owned by his father Jonathan, son of Samuel, Esq. It was afterwards changed to a scythe shop by Capt. David Dudley above named.