

Dudley became a clerk at 17, with Ayrault & Co., wholesale merchants of Geneva, N. Y. But soon after his marriage he engaged in business for himself at Rushville, Yates Co., N. Y., trading in general merchandise, and he also had a stove foundry and grain mill. There he flourished and built a large house and store. His cast-iron plows were the first made in the West. In May, 1836, he removed to Buffalo, N. Y., and located in business at the foot of Lloyd Street, opp. Haywood's Exchange, having Jonathan Mayhew for his partner in the foundry business. Another partner of his was Capt. Sheldon Thompson, who succeeded Mr. Mayhew. Mr. Dudley had other partners in other branches of the iron manufacturing business. In the panic of 1857 he lost much, but saved a competency for his old age, including the homestead and Dudley's Block of ten stores in Buffalo. His career was successful and he ever sustained a high credit. He was a great reader of history and an interesting conversationalist. He died at 77 Utica Street, Buffalo, Nov. 4, 1875, of chronic inflammation of kidneys and bladder. He was buried with his wife. His children, all but the last, born at Rushville, N. Y., were as follows :

WILLIAM HOWELL,⁸ b. Feb. 24, 1825; m. Miss Eveline A. Hodges, at Albany N. Y., May 5, 1852, and d. May 14, 1886, at Buffalo, N. Y. She d. Sept. 5, 1884. He had been in the iron foundry and house furnishing business till after 1870. ii. JAMES G., b. March 24, 1828; m. Miss F. C. Kasson, at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1856. He lived at Buffalo and ran an express from Buffalo to New York City. iii. GEORGE B., b. May 21, 1830; m. Miss Eliza W. Beers, at New Haven, Ct., Jan. 16, 1856. He was a paymaster in U. S. Army with rank as Major, in the late war and afterwards Freight Agt. on a Railroad in New York State in 1870. iv. HENRY CLAY, b. June 9, 1832, of Buffalo; unm.; accountant and antiquary, also an expert in art matters. v. JENNETTE, b. Sept. 18, 1836, d. at Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1839. vi. JEREMIAH, b. at Buffalo, July 4, 1839; d. Aug. 6, 1839.

119. BENJAMIN F. DUDLEY (*Jeremiah,⁵ Samuel,⁵ James,⁴ Stephen,⁸ Samuel,² Thomas¹*), was born at Bangor, Me., June 16, 1803; m. Miss Nancy Atwood, sister of Mary, Feb. 27, 1824, and died at Sacramento, Cal., July 30, 1850, aged 47 years. In 1849 he went overland with his ox-team to California, travelling part of the way in company with his nephew, Dr. John P. Dudley, who started from Buffalo, N. Y. They located in Sacramento, but he died of fever contracted in the mines from overwork, exposure, and poor food. Dr. John P. attended him in his fatal illness. He was a farmer, and had ten children, all born at Bath, N. Y., viz:

i. CAROLINE,⁸ b. Oct. 29, 1824; m. Reuben Wilber, March 22, 1854, who died June 29, 1864. ii. LOUISA, b. May 17, 1826; m. Eli Bidwell, March 4, 1847. She died July 31, 1859. iii. FRANCES, b. Feb. 14, 1828; d. Oct. 12, 1838. iv. SUSAN, b. July 31, 1829; m. Charles Little, Nov. 10, 1853. v. PETER, b. Nov. 24, 1831; d. Oct. 12, 1849. vi. BENJ. F., JR., b. July 31, 1833; d. Feb. 16, 1834. vii. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 2, 1835; m. Catharine Wilber, 1860. viii. COLUMBUS, b. July 1, 1839. ix. EDWARD, b. July 31, 1843. x. JOSEPHINE, b. March 31, 1846.

119 (2nd). PETER DUDLEY⁷ (*Rev. Moses,⁶ Samuel,⁵ James,⁴ Stephen,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹*), was born in Maine, 1777; married in