

On one occasion Judge Sewall says Col. William asked him for leave to wait upon one of his daughters, and he said his daughter had a previous engagement, and he was afraid to interfere. But the judge advised young William Dudley to be more religious like his brother Thomas.

Samuel Dudley, brother to Col. Joseph D., was living at Brighton, Mass., in 1848. He and Col. Joseph were great-grandsons of Col. Wm. Dudley son of Gov. Joseph. I went to see this Samuel. He was a plain, honest appearing man. Samuel said Col. Wm. owned land in the towns of Dudley, Oxford, Sutton, Roxbury, Mass., Woodstock, Ct., and many other places. He told me some things about Col. Joseph Dudley, his brother. He said, on one occasion Col. Joseph built a large store in Roxbury and filled it with West India goods, all in 18 days. He said "Stackpole" was Col. Jo.'s agent in his efforts to recover the English estate. "Manners," the British Consul, and "Coolidge" were also employed as agents for Col. Joseph. (*See Col. Joseph's Autograph, No. 2, p. 499.*)

Col. Wm. Dudley excelled in his particular knowledge of landed property. In a retired spot, which is now between South and Centre Streets, west of Walter St., Roxbury, about 1721, he built an elegant house and cultivated his farm. Col. Wm's house was long ago torn down. The spot is still marked by an old farm house and called the Dudley place.

Col. Dudley was cut off at the age of 57, dying intestate, at his house in Roxbury, Aug. 10, 1747.

I have never seen many comments upon his religious character, but he lived a noble, useful life, and "filled a large place in the affairs of his time," as Gov. Emory Washburn says. His death was a great loss to the country.

His wife, whom he married, March 10, 1721, was Elizabeth Davenport, daughter of Judge Addington Davenport, who was nephew of Chief Justice Isaac Addington. She died in 1750, leaving two sons and six daughters. The two sons, Thomas and Joseph, both graduated at Harvard College, married and had children. But Joseph's children all died in infancy. So that Thomas's sons are the ancestors of all the Dudleys of Col. William's and Gov. Joseph's line of the Gov. Thomas Dudley branch.

The daughters all married, but only three of them left posterity, viz., Elizabeth married 1st, Dr. Joseph Richards, and 2dly, Mr. Samuel Scarborough, Lucy married Dr. Simon Tufts and Ann married John Lovell.