

for Middlesex, 1870 to 1877. Dartmouth College has conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.

Many historical and biographical writers, and particularly authors of books on local and family history, have acknowledged their indebtedness to him for assistance. Several of his literary friends have dedicated books to him, namely, William H. Whitmore, A. M., his "Handbook of American Genealogy," and his "American Genealogist"; Rev. Caleb Davis Bradlee, D. D., his "Sermons for all Sects"; Rev. George M. Bodge, his "Soldiers of King Philip's War"; and Rev. Elias Nason, his "Memoir of Mrs. Susanna Rowson."

Mr. Dean has long been a great friend to this History of the Dudley Family. He was treasurer of the Dudley association in 1857, as mentioned on page 948. As a descendant of Mercy (Dudley) Woodbridge, he has ever felt deep interest in tracing the genealogy of this family, both in England and America. Mr. Dean is no flatterer, but I can see plainly that he is well satisfied with the success of the work. He scarcely could have had so much faith in the enterprise as it has deserved and justified.

FISK.

MELINDA⁷ BLAKE (*Martha⁶ Dudley, Joseph⁶, Nicholas⁶, Stephen⁶, Rev. Samuel⁶, Gov. Thomas⁶*), born May 14, 1784, at Mt. Vernon, Me., m. Ezra Fisk, of Fayette, Me., and settled there on a farm in May, 1801. There they had 16 children, viz.:

- i. WILLIAM⁸, b. Nov. 29, 1801, d. Jan. 17, 1820.
- ii. FRANCIS NURSE, b. Mar. 30, 1803, m. Maria Hilton of Fayette.
- iii. EZRA, b. April 19, 1805, d. Dec. 11, 1806.
- iv. EZRA, b. Feb. 2, 1807, d. March 13, 1815.
- v. THOMAS GAGE UNDERWOOD, b. Sept. 26, 1809, m. Mary Jane Thurston.
- vi. FANNY NURSE, b. Feb. 9, 1811, d. Jan. 10, 1840.
- vii. ROBERT BLAKE, b. Jan. 21, 1813, d. Aug. 26, 1819.
- viii. ALLEN, b. March 16, 1815, m. Amanda Furber.
- ix. MELINDA, b. Jan. 26, 1817, m. Wm. Camplet, and d. Dec., 1840.
- x. DUDLEY BLAKE, b. July 19, 1819, m. Mary A. Ashton Dec., 1851.
- xi. LUCINDA, b. July 13, 1821, d. Nov. 22, 1843.
- xii. DAVID, b. March 15, 1823, d. Aug. 24, 1824.
- xiii. MARY WALKER, b. Nov. 4, 1824, m. Stephen Taft.
- xiv. JOSEPH ANDERSON, b. Aug. 26, 1826, m. Sarah Fifield.
- xv. FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 10, 1829.
- xvi. SARAH, b. Jan. 9, 1831, m. Gilman W. Johnson.