

they have three children, viz.: 1, *Herman Dexter*¹⁰, b. 1860; 2, *Albert Leighton*, b. 1866; 3, *Martha L.*, b. 1869.

ii. *LAVINA*⁹, b. 1834, d. 1835.

iii. *MARTHA LOVENER*⁹, b. 1836, d. 1843.

WILDES.*

MARY^a *BRADSTREET* (*Simon*^a, *John*³, *Anne*² *Dudley*, *Gov. Thomas*¹), born 1731; m., Feb. 27, 1864, *Elisha Wildes*, and they had:

i. *SYLVANUS*⁶, b. 1754, d. 1729, grad. H. C., 1777. He was a lawyer in Topsfield, and descended from John Wilds, one of the first settlers in Topsfield†; m., 1781, *Rebecca Baker*, and had: 1, *John W.*⁷, b. 1784; 2, *Elizabeth*, b. 1787; m. Wm. Waitt, 1809, who d. 1817; 3, *Sophia*, b. 1789, m. Jacob Towne, 1809, who d. 1844; 4, *Clarissa*, b. 1791.

ii. *MELITABEL*, b. 1756, d. 1840, unm.

iii. *SARAH*, b. 1761, d. 1850, unm.

WILLIAMS.

ELIZABETH^a *COTTON* (*Dorothy*³ *Bradstreet*, *Anne*² *Dudley*, *Gov. Thomas*¹) was born Aug. 13, 1665; m. Rev. Wm. Williams of Hatfield, and died in 1671. Mr. Williams grad. H. C. 1683, and was settled at Hatfield in 1685. Their children were:

* This John Wilds' wife Sarah was hung as a witch in 1692. Her son Ephraim was a constable and arrested some of the witches. One of them confessed she was a witch, and accused the constable's mother of bewitching her. Thus was she avenged and saved her own life. The lady, Sarah Wild, who was hanged, left children. One of her grandsons was John Wilds.

† DEAR SIR: Your note, informing me of my nomination as a member of the "Dudley Association," was duly received. I should have answered it at once but for the death of my father, which occurred about the time of receiving it. My father's death has cut me off from inquiries which might have enabled me to answer your questions fully. There are no data found among his papers which would aid me. I beg to say, however, that my Uncle Dudley Wildes, of Topsfield, and my grandfather, both had the same christian name, and I think received it from an ancestor. If I am not mistaken, my father once told me that it came into the family by intermarriage of an ancestor with one of the descendants of Gov. Simon Bradstreet. I know of no record, however, establishing this, but still believe it to have been the fact. If this statement is deemed sufficient as a ground of membership, I shall be glad of enrollment with the kinsmen, and will forward you the fee on acknowledgment.

I remain, dear sir, yours truly,

GEORGE DUDLEY WILDES.

DEAN DUDLEY, Esq., Sec'y, &c. [of the Dudley Association.]

BROOKLINE, Dec. 16, 1857.