fulness. When he became the steward of the young Earl of Lincoln we find the Comptons also his friends. He had been long their page and benefactor, and they were grateful for his service. As the young earl's esquire, Dudley became very prominent for sagacity and general efficiency. He was commissioned to find a suitable wife for his lord, and obtained the daughter of William Finnes, Lord Saye and Seale, who was the chief of all the puritans. This lady, Bridget Finnes, was the Countess of Lincoln, to whom Gov. Dudley addressed his celebrated epistle from New England in 1631.

I have today received a letter from Mr. J. W. Dean informing me that Mr. Henry F. Waters has discovered a will at the Northampton registry which plainly shows the parentage of Gov. Thomas Dudley's wife Dorothy, and the baptism of his son Samuel. Her father was Edmond Yorke of Cotton End, in the county of Northampton, yeoman, who made his will Nov. 18, 1614, proved April 17, 1614. He bequeathed his body to be buried in the churchyard of Hardington. His wife's name was Katherine, who died 1633. Mr. Yorke bequeathed forty shillings and a silver spoon to his grandson Samuel Dudley; and to his granddaughter, Anne Dudley, twenty shillings and a silver spoon; and Thomas Dudley he appointed one of his overseers.

In the parish register of All Saints, Northampton, it is recorded that Samuel Dudley, son of Thomas, was baptized the 30th day of November, 1608. So writes Mr. H. F. Waters.

While Gov. Thomas Dudley was managing the estates of the Earldom of Lincoln, he was so successful that he cleared them of an incumbrance of over £20,000, and won the high esteem of all concerned. He showed great ability also in military affairs and used his legal knowledge to compile books against King Charles the first's ship money tax, as the historian Hotten thinks, which were circulated by Lord Lincoln very extensively, and greatly helped the parliamentary cause. It appears that he was one of the staunchest puritans in England and a particular friend of John Hampden, who was named by Isaac Johnson, Esq., as one of his executors with Dudley and Winthrop. His influence brought over to this new world scores of the best men in England, including two sons-in-law of the Earl of Lincoln and one son of Lord Saye and Seale. From his town of Boston came Rev. John Cotton, Gov. Bellingham and Gov. Leverett, and we may well conceive that he might have had the first place and been governor had he claimed that honor. But he was more desirous of promoting the great enterprise than of exalting himself, and very likely he proffered the offices to such men as Winthrop and Humphrey, Endicott and Bellingham, as inducements for them to join the noble band. He contributed a thousand pounds to help the colony, but not one penny would he